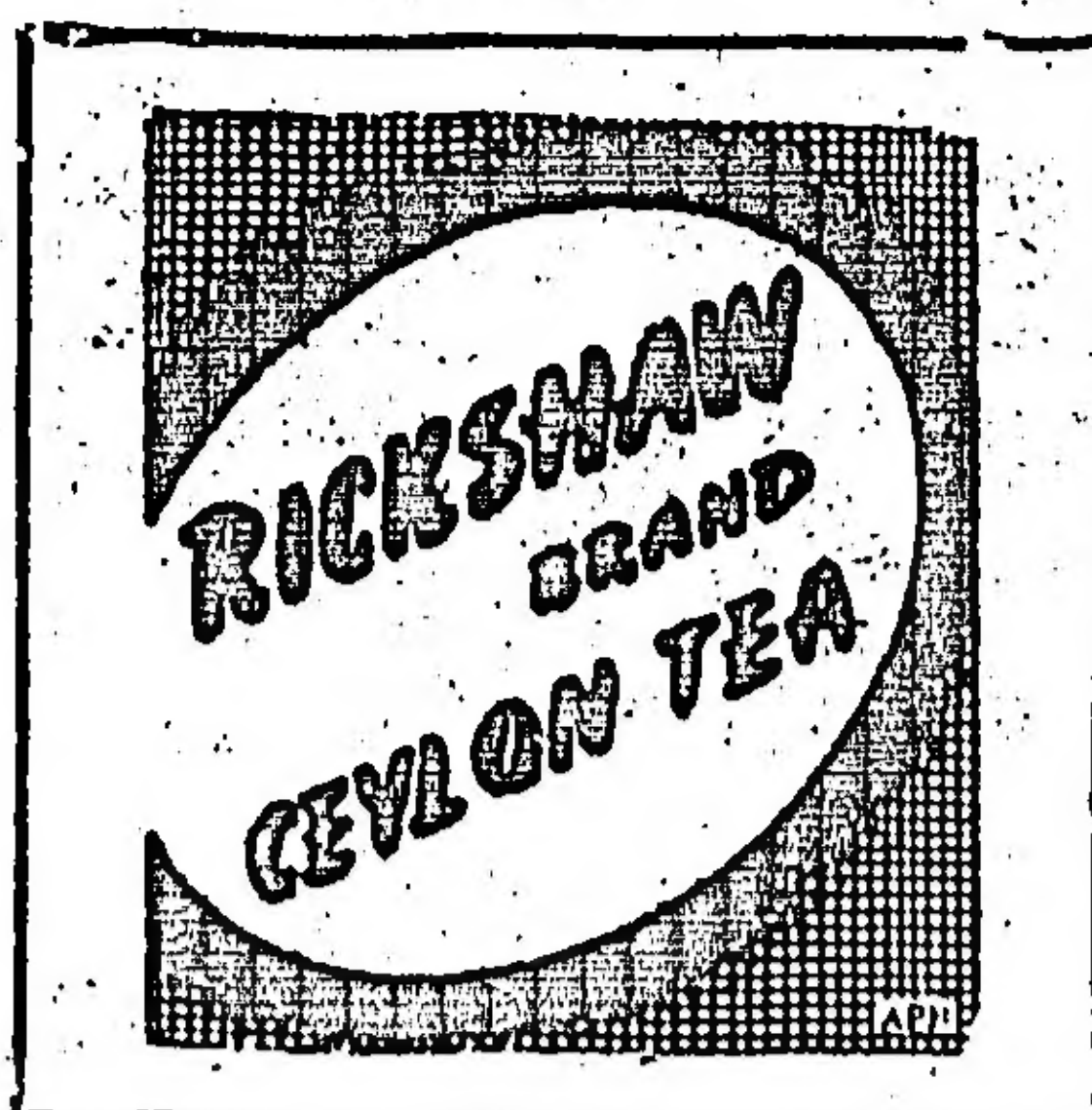


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ANOTHER V.C. HERO COMES TO LIFE

The War Office in London has notified the parents of Lieutenant (Acting-Captain) Wilson, of the East Surrey Regiment, who was "posthumously" awarded the Victoria Cross for services in Somaliland, that he is a prisoner of war in the hands of the Italians. —Reuter.

ART TREASURES SEIZED

THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC WARFARE CONFIRMS REPORTS THAT OVER 500 PICTURES FROM VICHY WERE SEIZED AT BERMUDA A FEW DAYS AGO WHILE THEY WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK.

The pictures include paintings by Renoir, Cezanne and Picasso, and are probably from a well-known Paris collection.

The question is now being considered as to how best to store them so that they will not be damaged and at the same time be seen by large numbers of people. —Reuter.

H.M.S. Ajax Again Takes Bulk Of The Honours

H.M.S. AJAX, WHICH COVERED ITSELF WITH GLORY IN THE BATTLE OF THE PLATE, TOOK THE LEADING PART IN A FURTHER NAVAL ACTION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, THE FULL STORY OF WHICH WAS RELEASED LAST NIGHT BY THE ADMIRALTY.

H.M.S. Ajax, which is a light cruiser of 7,000-tons, equipped with eight 6-inch guns, sank two Italian destroyers during the action, crippled a third and put the remainder of the Italian forces, including a heavy cruiser, to flight.

Describing the battle, which occurred last Saturday off Sicily, the Admiralty states:—

"During operations in the Eastern and Central Mediterranean, His Majesty's Ajax made contact with three Italian destroyers of the 679-ton 'Airone' class about 80 miles south-east of Sicily.

"Ajax immediately engaged and two Italian destroyers sank outright," states the Admiralty communique, quoting the report from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

"Shortly after this encounter,

Ajax sighted an enemy force composed of one heavy cruiser and four destroyers.

"Ajax again engaged and succeeded in crippling one of the enemy's destroyers. The remainder of the force escaped in the darkness.

"Believing Ajax to be in touch with considerable enemy forces, H.M.S. York came up in support, but no further contact was made with the enemy that night.

Big Craft

"With the assistance of aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm, the crippled destroyer was located at dawn in tow of another Italian destroyer which had gallantly come to her assistance.

"Upon the arrival of Ajax, the towing destroyer slipped her tow and made off at fast speed in the direction of Sicily under cover of a smoke screen.

"It was then ascertained that the damaged destroyer was the 1,620-ton 'Artigliere' of the latest class of large Italian destroyers.

"H.M.S. York soon came on the scene and the crew of the 'Artigliere' at once began to abandon ship. Our forces allowed half an hour for the abandoning of the ship and then sank her by gunfire.

Rafts Dropped

"H.M.S. York dropped rafts to supplement the boats of the destroyer and a wireless message was broadcast on the commercial wavelength of Italian stations giving the positions of the survivors.

"This was done in spite of the fact that such a signal compromised the position of the British forces. Also the weather was fine and Sicily was no great distance.

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AIRCRAFT TO PROTECT BURMA ROAD

News of the possibility of China obtaining fighters and bombers ordered by Sweden but now held by the United States, is generally welcomed in Chungking since China urgently needs aircraft to protect traffic on the vital Burma Road, when it re-opens on Friday (October 18), and also to defend cities in the interior. —Reuter.

U.S. MANOEUVRES IN PACIFIC

UNITED STATES FLEET MANOEUVRES ARE BEING CONTINUED IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

These manoeuvres have been held all through the summer and yesterday 30 American warships left Hawaii to take part in further exercises. —Reuter.

NO FRESH BRITISH LOAN NECESSARY

No fresh loan by the British Government to China is under consideration at the present time, declared Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, when asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether Government would consider such loan to China under an Exports-Credits Scheme similar to that recently granted China by the American Government.

Sir Kingsley, however, pointed out that China had already received assistance from Britain under the Exports-Credits Scheme and as the sterling available under this scheme had not been exhausted and only a small part of the export guarantees had been taken up, the question of further sterling assistance did not arise at present. —Reuter.

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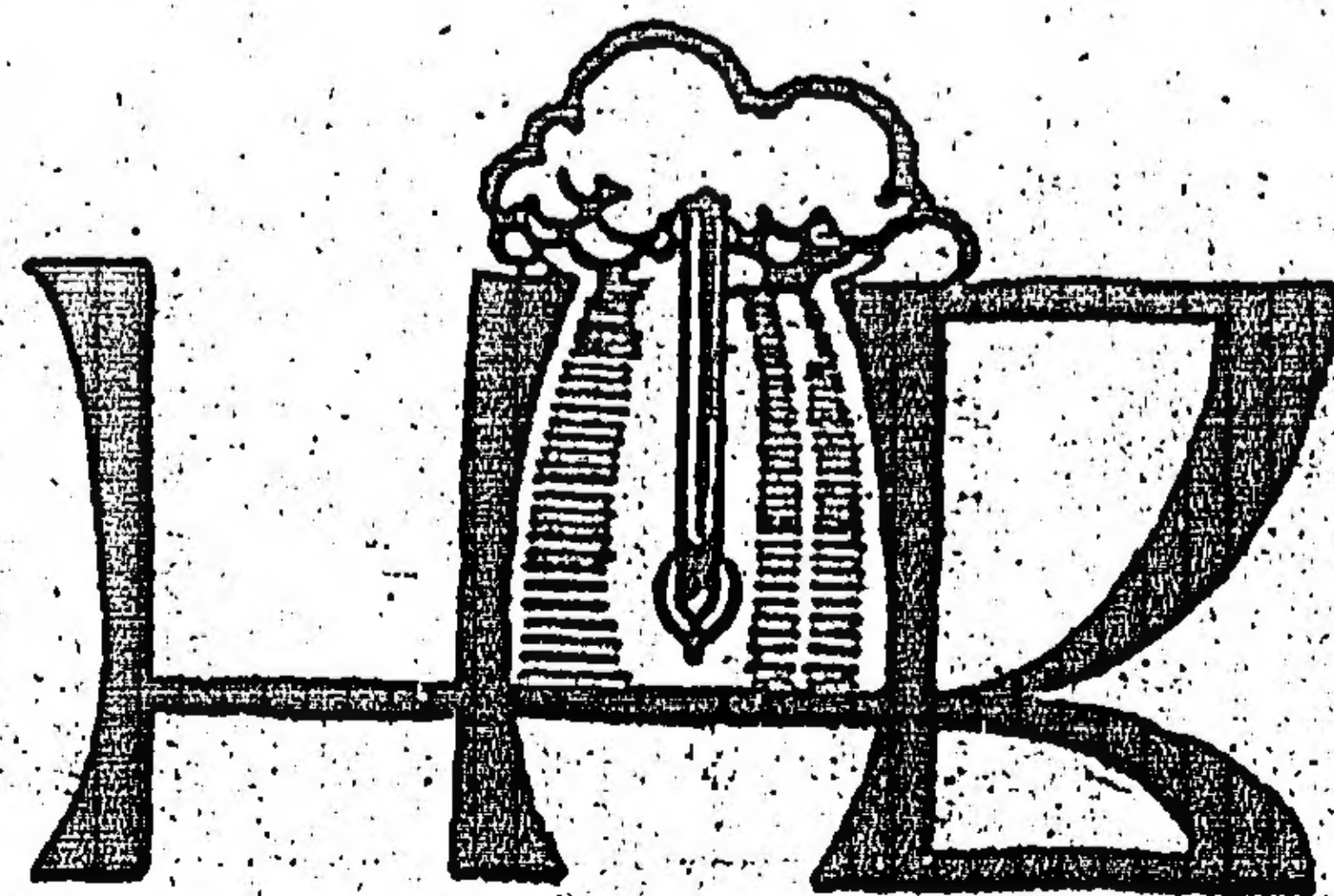
There was no special significance in the trip and it does not involve any negotiations proceeding or projected with the United States. —Reuter.

LORD LOTHIAN FLYING HOME

Lord Lothian is flying to London on Government instructions, for consultation, it is said in Washington.

It is not known how long he will stay in London. A spokesman of the British Embassy said that Lord Lothian is going on a four-

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NEW PHASE OF AIR WAR

British And Nazi Losses Approximately Equal

Luftwaffe Concentrates On Night Raids

WHEN A YELLOW-NOSE Messerschmidt 109 was shot down in the Isle of Wight yesterday afternoon, the Nazi pilot stopped a corn merchant's lorry and told the driver in good English to drive him to the nearest military centre. The driver promptly obliged.

The Air Ministry in London stated that in yesterday's activities, nine enemy aircraft were shot down by our fighters up to 4.30 p.m. Ten of our fighters are reported missing.

Six enemy raiders are reported to have been destroyed in quick succession in attacks attempted yesterday over the Kent Coast, the Thames Estuary and various places in home counties.

A strong A. A. barrage and Royal Air Force fighters caused formations to break up and retreat back over the coast. A few machines got through to London and some damage was reported, mostly to houses, although some casualties were reported when bombs dropped on a large confectionery factory. — Reuter.

The Night Raid

The night raid on London yesterday opened quieter than recent days, but enemy aircraft arrived in small groups roughly every four minutes.

The A. A. barrage opened up a vigorous fire. — Reuter.

EGYPT'S DECISION

EGYPT WAS NOT A COUNTRY OF IMPATIENCE. IT WAS A COUNTRY OF DEMOCRACY. AND HER INTERESTS WERE INTIMATELY BOUND UP WITH THOSE OF GREAT BRITAIN. DECLARED LORD LLOYD, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES, YESTERDAY IN LONDON.

Lord Lloyd added that if the people of Egypt had their way, there would be no doubt on which side in this war their energies and sympathies would lie.

He said that he was perfectly content to await the decision of the Egyptian people and he was certain that it would be one of enormous help to the cause for which Britain was fighting. — Reuter.



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EMPIRE BANKING CHANGES

A survey of overseas Empire banking offers a sharp contrast with the picture a year ago when overseas Empire States were still feeling the effects of the check caused by the fall in prices in 1937-38 says "The Times."

The war has inevitably caused dislocation in many commercial markets, but the overseas territories of the Empire have been assisted in surmounting such disorganisation by the fact that Great Britain and the United States are in normal times the principal buyers of many of their raw products and that the war has served to increase the purchases of both these buyers.

Moreover, prices of primary products have shown a general rise and as the overseas States of the Empire are usually large producers of primary commodities their export trades have in many instances been given a strong stimulus.

Empire banks have generally reflected these conditions in rising deposits. Profits have not shown much variation and dividends have in nearly all cases been left unaltered.

Canadian Banks

Canadian banks have met with a more active demand for accommodation in recent months than at any time since the depression years. Increased business activity has resulted from at least three influences. One was the stimulus afforded to purchasing power in the prairie provinces by the exceptionally good wheat harvest in 1939; another, the war, with its strong fillip to the production of various kinds of armaments; and a third was the inclination in the United States, following the outbreak of war, to build up stocks, a movement which occasioned an increased demand for many Canadian products.

The war strengthened the upward tendency of prices of Australia's primary exports, already apparent last summer, while a large part of her export produce has been purchased by the British Government for war purposes.

This, coupled with extensive war expenditure by the Commonwealth Government, financed in its earlier stages by advances from the Commonwealth Bank, tended to raise bank deposits in Australia and to reduce advances. Australia's war effort has entailed the import of considerable quantities of war material, one of the explanations of the rising tendency of imports in recent months.

INCREASE IN NEW ZEALAND
Deposits of the New Zealand trading banks have shown marked expansion during the earlier months of 1940. By the end of April their combined total had risen to the exceptionally high figure of £27,414,000. A year previously the total was only £27,093,000.

Advances and discounts, on the other hand, have been running



Thousands of men and women in the East End of London are looking forward to their annual "holiday" in the hop fields. Far from being reluctant to leave their homes for the hop fields this year, the pickers are eagerly looking forward to their task. Some of the gardens are in defence areas, but Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, has stated that he understood no permits would be required by hop pickers to enter those districts. Owners of gardens, have had trenches dug for shelter in case of raids. Photo shows men digging trenches to be used as shelters in case of air raids. (Copyright Fox).

RAIDS ON MIDLANDS

DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, THERE WERE 55 ENEMY AIR RAIDS ON THE MIDLANDS.

Total casualties were:—170 killed, 180 seriously injured and 320 slightly injured.

During the same period, 183 persons were killed in road accidents in part of the Midlands. — Reuter.

at much lower totals than a year ago, the April total of £49,541,000 comparing with £55,719,000 a year ago. Large war expenditure by the Government has been partly responsible for the rise in deposits, but the operations of the Dominion exchange control have contributed to the movement and also to the diminution in advances.

Indian Trade

Indian export trades were given a decided stimulus by the war. Before hostilities had actually begun the demand for sandbags had already caused a sharp rise in the price of jute, and during the latter months of 1939 many of the leading export products met with a keener demand than for a number of years.

This in turn promoted greater activity in domestic business, and though here has been some slowing down in the export movement in recent months, bank statements have reflected the changed conditions in a general expansion.

So far South Africa's participation in the war has produced surprisingly little effect on the country's economy though there are signs that the influences set in train by the war are now beginning to be felt to an increasing extent. The repayment of overseas indebtedness has of late years provided one of the principal manifestations of the strength of South Africa's national finances.

Recurrent Budget surpluses have been another and the latest Budget figures presented by Mr. Hofmeyr maintained this good record in spite of war expenditure. The maintenance of the gold output at a high level continues to provide the country with a solid economic background.

MR. KENNEDY GOING TO WASHINGTON

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary for State, stated in Washington yesterday that Mr. Kennedy is leaving London for Washington within 10 days. Mr. Hull added that after consultation as far as he knew Mr. Kennedy will be returning to his post. — Reuter.

OFFICIAL DENIAL

A strong, official denial that the Soviet Government had been notified in advance of the sending of German troops into Rumania was issued yesterday by Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

The Danish newspaper "Politiken" (says Tass) has published a report from its Berlin correspondent saying that German troops would be sent into Rumania and that the Kremlin was informed of the objects and movements of the German forces.

Tass concludes:—

"The official Russian news agency is authorised to state that this report does not correspond with the facts." — Reuter.

NEW CODE OF DISCIPLINE IN SOVIET

"DISCIPLINE OF THE RED ARMY MUST BE STRONGER, HIGHER AND MORE EXACTING THAN IN OTHER ARMIES WHERE DISCIPLINE IS BASED ON CLASS SUBORDINATION," DECLARES THE NEWSPAPER "RED STAR" IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY, COMMENTING ON MARSHAL TIMOSHENKO'S NEW DISCIPLINARY CODE FOR THE RED ARMY.

The "Red Star" continues: "The tense international situation compels us to be in a state of constant and complete military preparedness."

The code gives officers complete authority to use force in order to restore discipline. Officers who do not show firmness and take necessary measures will be tried by court martial.

The code also provides severe penalties for officers who are held to be inefficient. — Reuter.

ANOTHER BREACH OF FAITH?

In connection with reports that British prisoners of war had been seen at work clearing up debris around Calais, Sir Edward Grigg, Joint Parliamentary Secretary of State, War Office, said yesterday that this was contrary to the Geneva convention.

If the reports are confirmed, a strong protest will be lodged with the German Government.

Sir Edward Grigg said that we are not using prisoners of war to fill in bomb craters, etc., because even if the enemy breaks the convention, we should not.

He also said that British prisoners of war are being rationed like the German troops, but the scale is lower than in Britain. — Reuter.

TRIBE'S OFFER TO THE KING

In a personal message to His Majesty, the Paramount Chief Abong, of the Turkana Tribe, in Kenya, has offered to the King the services of all young men in the tribe and has asked the Kenya military authorities to make them soldiers.

It may be recalled that the warlike Turkana Tribe has been recently in action with the British troops in patrol work along the Kenya-Abyssinia front west lake. — Reuter.

ACTIVITY ON STOCK EXCHANGE

On the London Stock Exchange yesterday, a sharp rise in gilt-edged stock was the chief feature of the day's trading.

War Loans closed 13s. 9d. higher at 2102.15s. which is the highest reached in the current year. Industrials and gold-minings were quietly steady while home rails tended to strengthen. Japanese bonds improved. Wall Street was steady. — Reuter.

Mr. Churchill And Britain's War Aims: Says Victory First Little Purpose In Being Specific



War heroes were decorated by H.M. the King at Buckingham Palace recently. Photo shows H.M. the King congratulating Captain Peter Rowell, of the Lincolnshires, seated in his bath chair, after he had presented him with the M.C. (Copyright, Fox).

MR. WINSTON Churchill's confidence in the outcome of the war and Germany's eventual defeat was again manifested yesterday when he was questioned in the House of Commons on Britain's war aims.

The Prime Minister declared that the time had not yet come when any official declaration could be made beyond very carefully considered general statements which had already appeared.

Asked to indicate that Britain was not fighting a war to maintain the status quo, Mr. Churchill retorted that he did not think anyone had the opinion that Britain was fighting merely in order to survive—a statement which received cheers.

"When," Mr. Churchill added, "our capacity to do that is more generally recognised throughout the world and when the conviction we have about it becomes more general, then we shall be in a good position to take a further view of what we shall do with that victory when it is won."

Great Danger

"I think our great danger is in making statements which are not of a very general character on this subject—take for instance the attitude to be adopted towards the enemy when he is defeated—in that you will find very different opinions prevailing about it."—Reuter.

EMBASSY RETURN DELAYED

THE REMOVAL OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY AND CONSULATE-GENERAL OFFICES FROM THE SOUTH BANK OF THE YANGTSE, OPPOSITE CHUNGKING, BACK TO THEIR FORMER PREMISES ON "CONSULAR LANE" IN THE CITY PROPER HAS BEEN FURTHER DELAYED.

The Japanese were bombing the "Consular Lane" district on October 6 last and a small bomb exploded near the entrance of the Embassy, dug-out, causing further damage to the buildings which were under repair.

The Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clarke-Kerr, and the Consul-General are at present still working in the offices of the British Naval Canteen on the south bank of the Yangtse.—Reuter.

DINNER PARTY FOR GOVERNOR

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL F. E. NORTON, ACTING GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, WAS THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT A DINNER GIVEN LAST NIGHT BY THE FOUR CHINESE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE HON. SIR ROBERT KOTTEWALL.

His Excellency was accompanied by Captain S. H. Batty-Smith. Among those present were His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. N. L. Smith, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Mr. R. A. C. North, Sir Shouson Chow, the Attorney-General, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. Eu Tong-sen, and other distinguished personalities.

HITLER SAYS VICTORY IS SAFE—IF

"Absolute confidence in German victory" was expressed by Hitler yesterday in a brief address to the deputation of German farmers whom he received at the Chancellery in Berlin.

"Victory is safe," Hitler added, "if every German does his best at his post—the farmer on his fields, the worker in his factory and the soldier at the front."—Reuter.

essential because of the heavy mists which roll up suddenly early in the mornings and late in the evenings.

AMERICAN EVACUATION NOT FOR FREE CHINA

In connection with the preparations by the United States Government to evacuate American nationals from the Far East, it is learned that, hitherto, no instructions have been received regarding the evacuation of American nationals in Free China.

The American Embassy office in Chungking has not been informed of any plan to evacuate Americans in Free China.

There are about 150 American nationals at present residing in Chungking, of whom very few have expressed any intention to evacuate if instructions are received for evacuation.

There is at present no American Consul-General in Chungking.

All American nationals in Free China will receive instructions if any, from the American Consul-General in Kunming.—Reuter.

Ready To Leave Peiping

The first batch of American evacuees, numbering 100, will be leaving Peiping for the United States at the end of the month, according to...

WAR WORK FOR ENTIRE TOWN

A scheme to turn over an entire town to war work is being considered by the Rotary Council in a South of England town.

If legislation can be obtained six hours for opening would be arranged for all shops and the trading personnel would be organised for war work for the rest of the working day. Empty shops would be equipped with plant and machinery.

Garage workers would be organised for the manufacture of such things as small arms. Outfitters would make the clothes and equipment for the forces. Women in drapery stores could make hospital requisites. In this way all the war industry of the town would be carried out by the best qualified workers, and it would be possible to manufacture large supplies of urgently needed articles.

Business Halved

Mr. Arthur Atkin, a member of the town's Rotary Club, who initiated the scheme, said: "Most shops are working normal hours, yet doing half their peace-time business. If shops were to open only part of their usual hours it would be possible for them to do the same amount of business and carry out extensive war work as well."

"I suggest that all traders should continue to pay their employees at the same rates on the understanding that they take part in this war drive. We could obtain the advice of Ministries on what commodities to manufacture. We have masses of skilled workers in the town."

newsagency in Tokyo.

The group consists of the families of the Embassy and the employees who will go first. Approximately another 250 American women and children are making preparations for evacuation.—Reuter.

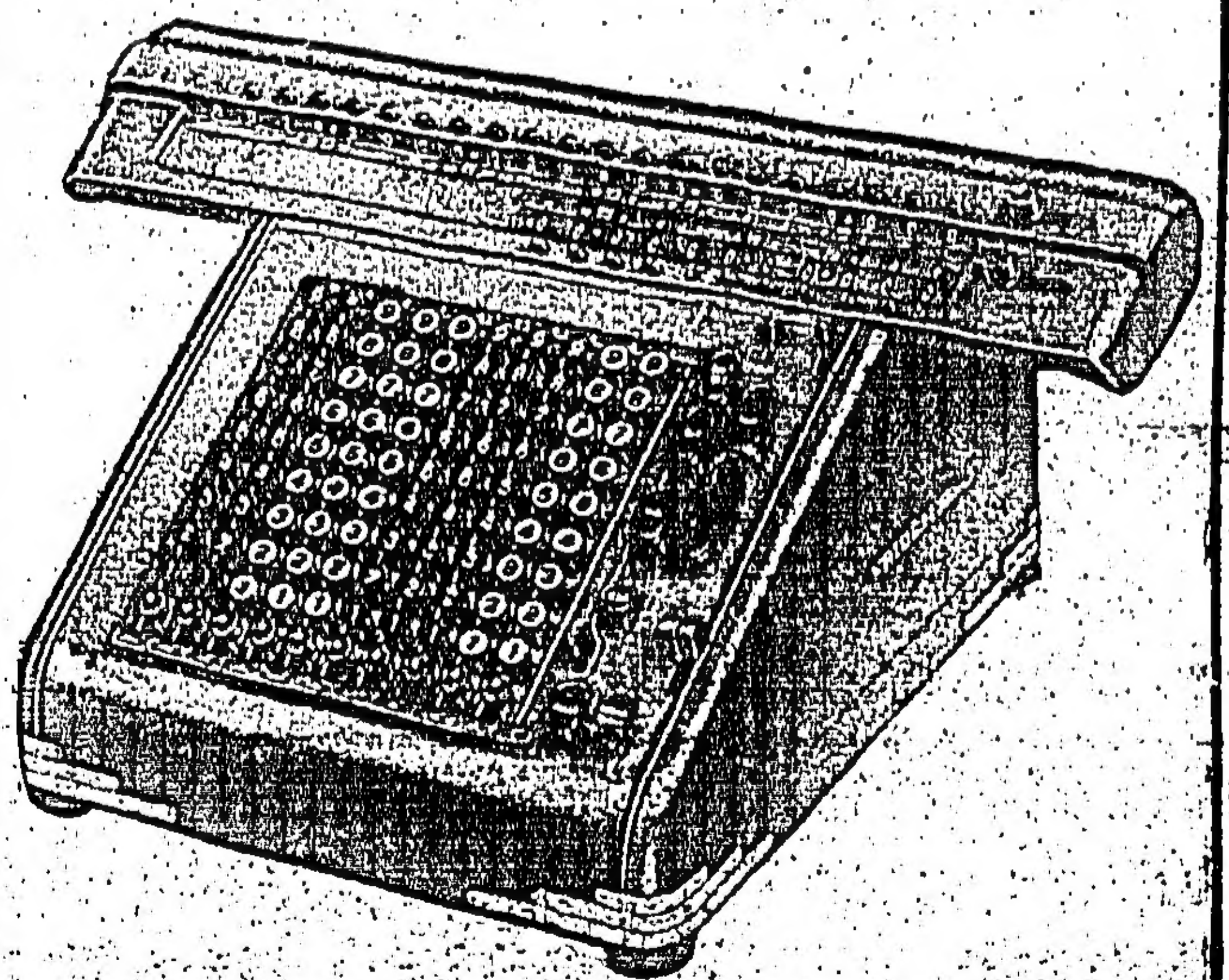
WOMEN GUARD DARTMOOR

A women's mounted patrol has been formed in the Yelverton district, on the southern slopes of Dartmoor, to help the Home Guard in keeping watch on the moor. Twenty women work in pairs in four-hour shifts from dawn until dusk. The youngest member is 16 and the oldest nearly 60. They wear riding kit with a white armlet, but do not carry firearms.

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CONGRESS CRITICISED: BUT MR. GANDHI'S MILITANCE IS MILD

"BRITAIN IS FIGHTING India's battle in the West as well as in the East where the Mediterranean has become India's first line of defence," declared the Rajah of Khallikote, presiding at the All-India Conference of Non-Congress political leaders in Nagpur yesterday.

The Rajah deplored Gandhi's attempt to launch an anti-war campaign at this critical time and declared that Congress was holding up India's progress.

It was the foremost duty of every Indian who understood the present position of India, he added, to concentrate all efforts on helping Britain to achieve victory. — Reuter.

Gandhi: An Instrument For Peace

"Who knows that I shall not be an instrument for bringing peace, not only between Britain and India but between the warring nations of the world," said the Mahatma Gandhi in Wardha in a statement on his plan of "individual civil disobedience."

Explaining why he was not offering himself for arrest, he said that this would be the last civil disobedience movement he would lead and he must stay out of prison in order to meet any contingency that might arise.

In his statement he said that Congress cannot wish ill to Britain nor can it help her through arms because of its creed of non-violence.

"I know India," he said, "is not one-minded. There is part of India that is war-minded and will learn the art of war through helping the British. Congress, therefore, does not desire to surround ammunition factories or barracks and prevent people from doing what they like." — Reuter.

NEW WAY OF BLOOD STORAGE

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Minister of Health, announced a medical discovery through which blood given by donors for transfusion may be retained for use indefinitely.

Originally this blood kept its properties for only three weeks, he said. Now it had been discovered that if the red corpuscles were taken out of blood, the white opalescent liquid called plasma which remained was just as good for treating average cases of shock as the "full-blooded article" and could be kept indefinitely.

The plasma could be reduced to a powder, which, when water was added, took on all the virtues of the original liquid.

The administration of plasma is particularly useful in cases of shock after operations, emergency or otherwise, and where the actual haemorrhage has not been severe. It increases the actual volume of blood fluid in the vessels and draws back fluid that may have escaped into the tissues into the normal circulation.

CZECH H.Q. IN LONDON

A building in Mayfair, until recently a private house, will be the centre from which Czechs all over the world will work for the freedom of their country. To this building, 114, Park Street, W. 1, Dr. Benes, recognised by Britain as President of the Czechoslovak Republic, will travel each day from his home in Putney.

The whole machinery of government is being set up there. The Cabinet met there and the new Parliament, which will carry on the democratic traditions of the Republic, will also meet there.

Parliament will for the present consist of some 40 members, all

NAZIS FIND 100,000 LOST MEN

German statisticians who have persistently juggled with figures in efforts to minimise their war losses have slipped up once again. Into a review of what are called in Britain "vital statistics"—births, marriages, deaths, &c.—has crept an admission that their war casualties to date total 250,000.

This is nearly 100,000 more than the figure given on July 3, when it was stated that casualties to June 25, the date of the French Armistice, totalled 156,492.

As there has been no land fighting since June 25, it is obvious that the total first announced was a gross under-estimate. Even now the figure falls far short of the real total. It was estimated in London on June 5 that German losses were between 400,000 and 500,000, and this figure must have been increased considerably in the last 20 days of fighting in France.

until now serving on the Czech National Committee. Their first duties will be to work in conjunction with the British authorities to organise the thousands of Czech soldiers and airmen who escaped from France into a new Army and Air Force.

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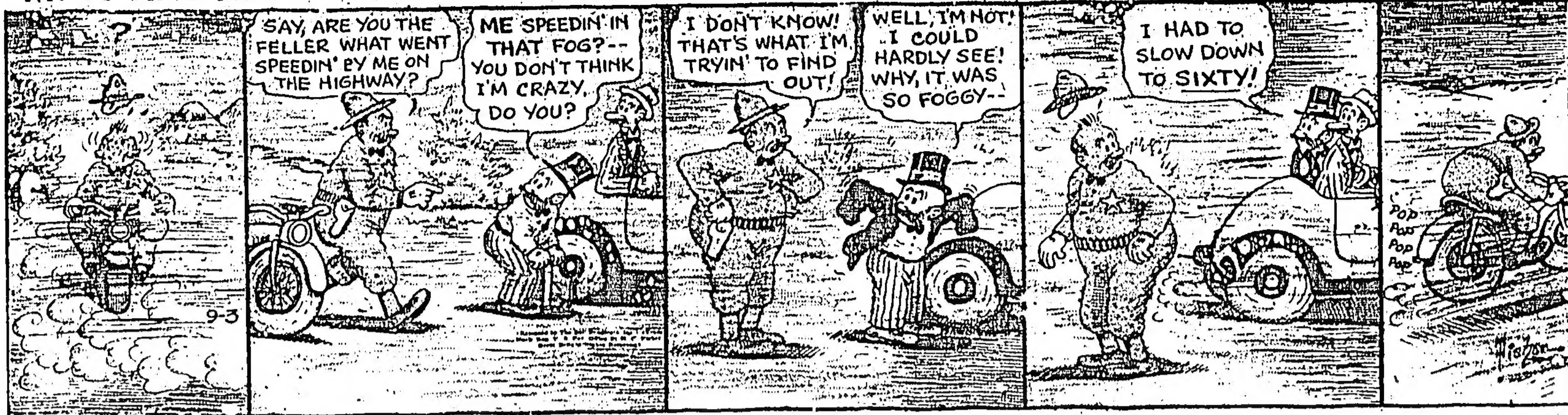
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WAR IS KEEPING US SOBER

We have become a more sober and a more cheerful nation during the first year of war. Hitler has not succeeded in driving John Citizen to drink or Jane Citizen to desperation.

This is the conclusion drawn from investigations carried out by Dr. Harvie Snell, Medical Officer of Liverpool Prison. Dr. Snell's figures show a remarkable drop in the figures for convictions for drunkenness, approximately 50 per cent—during the first four months of the war.

"A definite fall also took place," says Dr. Snell, "in the incidence of attempted suicide." He points out that his statistics, though based on Liverpool, cover individuals drawn from a wide area in the North of England and Wales.

1914 DIFFERENCE

In an attempt to discover the factors contributing to this, Dr. Snell describes them as "both economic and social, as well as more particularly psychological."

He points out that the last war began with an outburst of enthusiasm "far different from the quiet determination and resolute acceptance which has obtained on

HEDGEHOGS WANTED

"Hundreds of hedgehogs wanted immediately by British Government cattle-testing station." This notice appeared recently, but now the explanation is forthcoming.

Since 1927 the Ministry of Agriculture has used a limited number of hedgehogs at their Pirbright Research Station for experiments in foot and mouth disease.

Then one of the local suppliers, finding himself short of hedgehogs, inserted a modest advertisement in a local paper. This was taken up by a newspaper man who launched a large-scale appeal in an effort to help his country in its need for hedgehogs, and the result has been—to say the least—embarrassing.

A deluge of hedgehogs descended from every corner of Britain, and S.O.S. messages were received from Post Office workers about hedgehogs that had lost their way and badly labelled hedgehogs.

The Ministry appreciates the zeal displayed in the national cause, but has done its best to make quite clear that they now have more than sufficient hedgehogs.

the present occasion.

"We now indulge less in spectacular exhibitions of patriotism," he says.

He believes, too, that a "more developed organisation and regimentation does not throw the same strain on the unstable and psychoneurotic individual that the wholly voluntary mode of life entails."

WINSTON'S RESCUER DIES

A man who saved Winston Churchill from the Boer Forces in 1899—and who could thus claim responsibility for Mr. Churchill being Britain's Premier to-day—has died in far-off Ermelo, Transvaal.

He was Mr. John George Howard, and his part in Mr. Churchill's escape was known to only a few people.

In December, 1899, Mr. Churchill, then correspondent of the "Morning Post," was interned for helping wounded British soldiers to escape an ambush.

After one abortive attempt, he escaped by scaling the walls of his prison in Pretoria.

In "hobo" fashion he boarded a train, sleeping peacefully among the coal bags.

Leaving the train at dawn, he hid all day in a wood, quenching his thirst at a stream. When night fell he continued his trek along the railway.

At last, he saw a glow of light on the horizon. He made for it, hoping to find a friendly Kaffir kraal.

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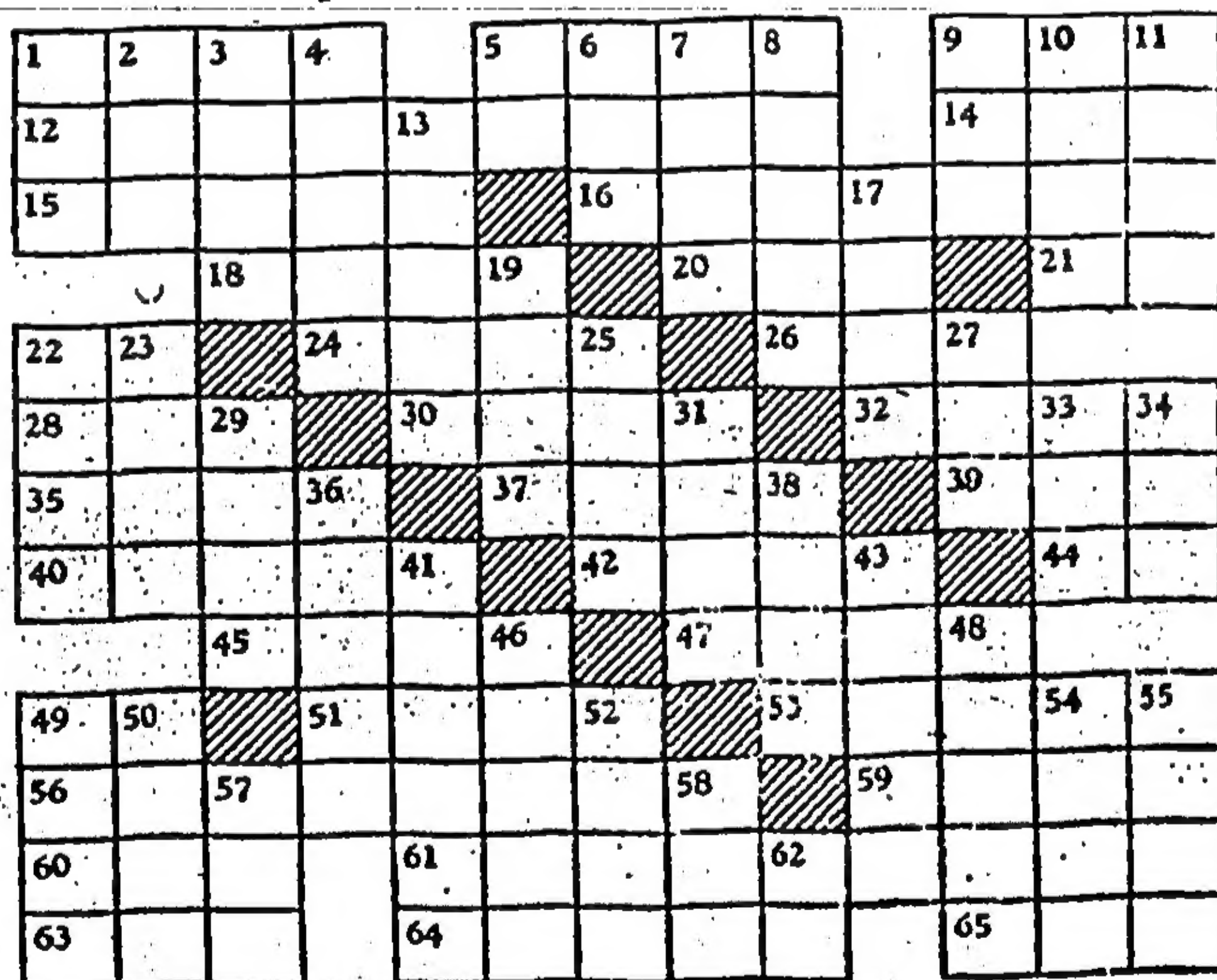
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- 9 Entirely
- 12 Essential requisite
- 14 Fish eggs
- 15 Vision
- 16 To annoy
- 18 Bermudan barracuda
- 20 Edible seed
- 21 Latin conjunction
- 22 Sloth
- 24 Spoken
- 26 Music: as written
- 28 Pronoun
- 30 Female ruffs
- 32 At any time
- 35 Act
- 37 Soaks
- 39 Period of time
- 40 Plane surfaces
- 42 Wire measures
- 44 Preposition
- 45 Bites
- 47 Rodents
- 49 European fish
- 51 Regulation
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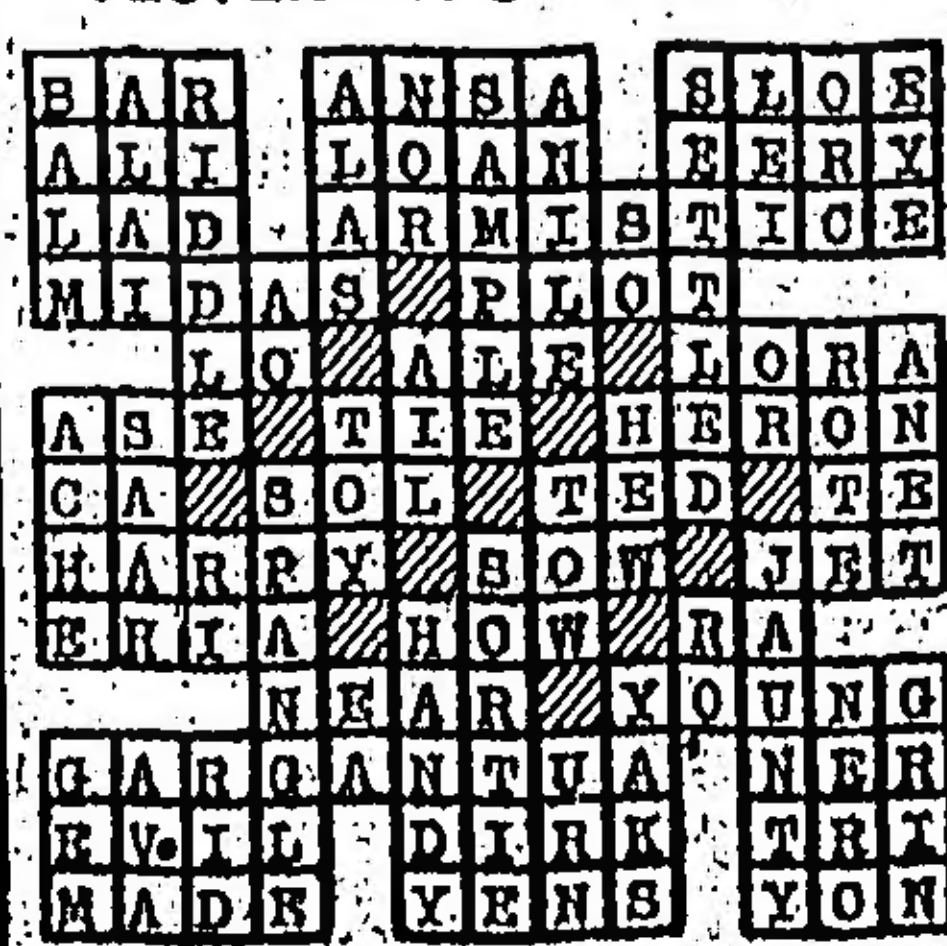
VERTICAL

- 1 Conjunction
- 2 Gaelic sea-god
- 3 High cards
- 4 Harvests
- 5 Since
- 6 Cavity
- 7 To cease
- 8 Old English courts

9 Part of "to be"

- 10 Sole
- 11 Latvian
- 13 Smudge
- 17 Ship's officer
- 19 Row
- 22 Opera by Verdi
- 23 Roman highway
- 25 To consider
- 27 Greeting
- 29 Observed
- 31 To mix
- 33 Silkworm
- 34 Sprinted
- 36 Large Oriental tambourine
- 38 Thick slice
- 41 Rejects
- 43 Vapour
- 45 Frozen rain
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NEW PROBLEMS FOR PILOTS

"THE HIGHER THE SAFER" is an old flying maxim to which added point is lent in wartime when the attainment of great height may often prove an aircraft's best means of evading unwelcome attention from the ground defences while flying above enemy territory. But the great heights attainable by modern aircraft bring their own problems in flying and fighting.

Heights of three and four miles above the earth are frequently reached by bomber aircraft of the Royal Air Force in the course of their flights into the heart of Germany, while even the five mile mark does not represent the "ceiling" to which the latest types of R.A.F. fighter craft can attain in search of the enemy.

At such immense heights, when the earth below shrinks to the proportions of a relief map and islands resemble rocks awash in the tide, the airman flies in a strange new world of space. In this lonely arena conditions for both men and machine are far different from those prevailing at lower levels and must be met by precautions as essential to the preservation of life as those of a diver preparing to descend into the ocean depths.

The extreme cold and the rarified air of high altitudes are the two greatest dangers from the physical standpoint. On night flights over Germany during recent weeks bomber crews, flying high, have reported temperatures as low as 54 degrees (Fahrenheit) of frost and the formation of layers of ice on the cockpit floor inside the aircraft.

On another occasion the air gunner of a twin-engined bomber, flying at 20,000 feet over a German naval base, momentarily removed his gloves to manipulate his wireless key. He was so severely frost-bitten that it became necessary later to amputate the top joints of all four fingers of one hand.

For protection against such intense cold the airman relies solely upon warm clothing: fur-lined boots reaching above the knee, fur-lined overalls, a close-fitting helmet and a pair of heavy gloves, usually worn over a thin silken pair to serve as insulation against the cold.

Electrically-heated flying-clothes, in which heating elements were sewn into the lining of a lightweight suit and connected by a length of flex to the aircraft's electrical system, are no longer generally employed in the Royal Air Force. In the event of the failure of the electrical supply at high altitudes, the entire crew would immediately be deprived of their sole protection against the cold.

Not all R.A.F. aircraft are fitted with cabin-heating equipment and though the single engined aircraft pilot derives a certain amount of heat from the power-plant immediately in front of him, the crew of the multi-motored bomber, whose engines are mounted out on the wings some distance from the fuselage, have no such comfort.

Must Breathe

As height increases air pressure becomes less dense and the atmosphere progressively more rarified. The effect of this diminution in the oxygen content of the air is felt at different heights according to the physique of the individual. Some pilots experience no discomfort up to heights as great as 15,000 feet but the majority begin to suffer from the want of oxygen—evidenced by shortage of breath and a growing feeling of lassitude—soon after passing the 10,000 feet mark.

To guard against risk of premature collapse it is the usual practice in the Royal Air Force for oxygen inhalation to begin at 10,000 feet, the rate of supply then being steadily increased as the aircraft gains height. In a bomber aircraft the oxygen supply is stored in metal bottles which are stowed in a central position in the aircraft. Tubes from these bottles lead to points, one in each of the crew positions, and each point is provided with a valve and meter for regulating and recording the rate of supply. A second dial, close by, registers the pressure in the main supply and, when the oxygen is being used, affords an indication of the amount of gas remaining.

In his flying helmet, each member of the crew wears an oxygen breathing mask covering nose and mouth, and from this mask is

suspended a length of flexible tubing. On taking up his position in the aircraft the airman plugs his mask-tube into the oxygen point close by and is thus directly connected to the source of supply. The length of the tubing allows freedom of movement and, in the case of the air gunner, permits him to stand up and manipulate his gun while still attached to his oxygen point.

Just before the aircraft leaves the ground the taps of all the oxygen bottles are turned full on and when the 10,000 feet mark has been reached the crew who, meanwhile, have been breathing through the air holes in their masks, open their individual control valves sufficiently to allow the constant emission of a slight quantity of the gas.

With each 1,000 feet increase in height the valve opening is slightly increased and the rate of supply quickened until, when the aircraft has reached its "ceiling" the oxygen is being delivered through the masks at maximum pressure. Provided this procedure is rigidly adhered to and the supply rate steadily increased as height is gained a normal crew will experience no ill-effects and little discomfort at heights as great as four and five miles above the earth.

Above 35,000 feet however, the low pressure of the atmosphere makes breathing, even with the aid of an oxygen-mask, impossible and it then becomes necessary to encase the airman in an air-tight "pressure" suit, resembling a diver's outfit, inside which a predetermined pressure, sufficient to permit of the inhalation of oxygen, can be maintained.

An Attitude Adventure

Military aircraft, however, seldom attain heights greater than about 30,000 feet. At these great altitudes the airman's life may depend upon the efficient functioning of his oxygen supply.

Not every man can count upon being as fortunate as the pilot of a Spitfire fighter who recently fainted at a great height owing to a failure in his oxygen system and recovered consciousness some moments later to find his aircraft plunging earthwards under full engine in an almost vertical dive. Instinctively, and before he had fully regained his senses, he eased back the control column and such was the accumulated velocity of his dive that, next instant, he found himself climbing nearly vertically at some 400 miles an hour.

A failure of the oxygen supply at heights below 20,000 feet, or the temporary disconnecting of the mask while the wearer alters his position in the aircraft, will not necessarily result in an immediate loss of consciousness, though there will be discomfort, varying in direct proportion to the height at which the cutting-off of the supply occurs.

The greatest danger for the airman lies in the slowing-up of the thought processes and reactions which lack of oxygen induces in the human mind. Concentration becomes difficult and in the feeling of lassitude which quickly overtakes the oxygen-starved airman even such simple actions as wiping his nose or picking up a fallen map become tasks too intolerably burdensome to be attempted.

He will lapse into a fainting condition until either oxygen is administered or the aircraft descends to a lower level where normal breathing is possible.

Hard Air To Fly In

Apart from the physiological considerations, high altitude flying also introduces special problems relating to the aircraft itself. The super-charged aero-engine has



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now satisfactorily overcome the difficulty of compressing a combustible mixture at a low outside pressure, a problem which previously limited aeroplanes to a maximum height of about 15,000 feet. But the thin air of great heights still takes its toll of an aircraft's performance by reducing its rate of climb and rendering it far less manoeuvrable than at lower levels.

At heights above 20,000 feet, for example, the attenuated atmosphere provides so little "lift" for the aeroplane's wings that, combined with the lower output of the engines, the rate of climb may fall to about one-tenth of the aircraft's ground level ability. In other words, an aircraft which can climb from ground level to 3,000 feet in 2 minutes may well take 20 minutes to climb from 25,000 feet to 28,000.

High altitude flying also calls for exceptionally careful handling of the aircraft, for though the thin air offers the minimum of resistance to the aircraft's passage and so permits of the attainment of higher speeds, its buoyancy is far less than at lower levels. Even to maintain level flight it becomes necessary to keep the aircraft in a slightly tail-down attitude so that the wings are presented to the airstream at their angle of maximum lift.

A steep turn in that thin air would be impossible and to attempt it would result only in an immediate loss of height as the aircraft, suddenly robbed of much of its lift by the altered angle of the wings, slipped sideways on one wingtip.

The thinness of the air necessitates, too, a much coarser use of the controls than is required at lower levels to achieve the same alteration in the direction or altitude. For the same reason the speed at which the aircraft stalls, or loses flying speed, is so much greater at heights than an aeroplane which, at ground level, loses flying speed at 60 m.p.h. will, when flying at 20,000 feet, be completely stalled at 90 m.p.h.

High Fighting Technique

It follows that the tactics of a fighter pilot engaged in combat miles above the earth and near the limit of his ceiling must necessarily differ from those which he would employ in action at a lower level. The margin of height which will give him the tactical advantage over his opponent can be contrived only by the most skilful handling of the controls and, having once secured it, he must guard against the ill-judged turn which may send him plunging hundreds of feet and put him at the mercy of his adversary.

To the bomb-aimer, also, high altitude flying presents its own special difficulties. Precision bombing can be carried out from heights as great as 20,000 feet but some indication of the skill with which the sighting must be done is afforded by the fact that at this height, from an aircraft travelling at 200 m.p.h., the bomb has to be released approximately 2½ miles in advance of the target.

During the sighting run, which may occupy rather less than a minute in a modern bomber, it is essential that the pilot maintains as straight and level a course as possible a condition of which the enemy's anti-aircraft gunners are well aware and of which they will certainly take full advantage. In such a situation, the bomb-aimer, a grotesquely-muffled figure lying prostrate on the cockpit floor, sustained by the life-giving oxygen spraying from his face-mask and with his eyes fixed to the bomb sight, can only strive to ignore the bursting smoke-puffs of the shells around him and find what comfort he can in that maxim of "the higher the safer."

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FOOD AND WASTE

Wasting food is to-day in England a punishable offence. In not a few elderly bosoms the shock of the news must have caused what the psycho-analysts call a reversion to the infantile. They are back at the nursery table. Long-dead voices speak long-unheard but never forgotten words. "Master Osbert, if you don't eat all that rat before I count ten, you'll go in the corner." "Miss Millicent, you know the rule—no cabbage, no pudding!" And then, inevitably: "Wilful waste brings woeful want," and, "Many a poor child would be glad of the good food you're turning your nose up at"; and the submissive children of those days of discipline were sorely tempted for the moment to hate what was usually one of their favourite stories—Miss Edgeworth's "Waste Not, Want Not, or, Two Strings to your Bow," in which, by a miracle of skill, saving Ben, not wasteful Hal, becomes the child-reader's hero as well as the author's. Under the new Order the penalties are, on summary conviction this and that of fine and imprisonment, on conviction on indictment this and that much more. In the nursery conviction was always summary; the penalties, by imprisonment in the corner or by fine of pudding or jam or sugar, were tyrannously heavy, and there was a permanent "Boothby snooter," an accuser who was also, like Alice's Fury, judge, jury, and all. And miserable infancy, its gorge rising both at the thing on its plate and at the cruel disregard of its natural feelings and human rights, was all the unhappier, without knowing why, because there had been no attempt to define the meaning of words.

The new Order at least has a shot at defining food; it is "everything used by man for food or drink, other than water." It says also with enough clearness for practical purposes what it means by waste. The public and the Government will have little difficulty in adjusting any differences of opinion that may be disclosed in practice. In the nursery opinions on the matter were opposed and irreconcilable. Good food, according to authority, was whatever happened to be sent up; and there were sure to be days in the week when extraneous assistance was absolutely necessary to make the company truly thankful for what it was going to receive. The company was resolute that mutton fat, cabbage, and taploca were not good food, were not even food in any condition; and, since authority never troubled to alleviate trouble by explaining, for instance, that mutton fat was not really so bad if eaten at once before it got cold, and revolting, there was no chance of agreement between the parties. The meaning of waste was not equally in contention. To childhood nothing could be more obvious than that it was wicked waste to cram cold mutton fat down a gullet shuddering in horror at it when there was a dog in the room which would wolf it down with rapture; and cats had a strange liking for slimy taploca, even when lukewarm. But authority dully insisted that anything on a child's plate not eaten by that particular child was wasted, although the very nicest of all the cakes or sweet biscuits at tea had to be left for "Mr. Manners."

It is to be hoped that the new Order will not land the Ministry of Health and the public in similar conflict; but it would interest others besides psychoanalysts to learn which will obey the more loyally—the oldsters with their infantile revulsion against any such ruling, or the youngsters who were allowed to eat whatever they liked and have never been put in the corner for leaving what they did not like.

Britain "Goes To It" As A True Democracy

Mr. Herbert Morrison, speaking for the new National Government, has told Britain to "go to it." Britain has "gone to it" in step.

There is nothing of the fine phrase or formal facade about the new National Unity. It is a fact, as never before. The people march shoulder to shoulder.

National Governments in the past have rarely, if ever, had total agreement. There was an independent Liberal Opposition to Mr. Lloyd George's Government in the last war and a vigorous Labour Opposition to the MacDonald-Baldwin National Coalition formed to fight the economic consequences of the slump nine years ago.

But to Mr. Churchill's new Government there is no Opposition in Parliament, save Mr. Maxton's tiny party of three I.L.P.'ers, and a single Communist.

In the country, one may be certain there is even less dissidence than that.

Labour has not only come in; it holds such vitally important Ministries as those of Labour and Supply. On the industrial side Trade Unions cooperate for victory to the full.

Coats Off, Limits Off

Restrictions, like coats, are off. Night and day the "go to it" slogan has universal support.

Now this unity cannot be sustained on enthusiasm and battle-cries alone. It demands similarity of sacrifice as well as of energy. A war for democracy must involve equality of effort and equality of suffering. The new British Prime Minister, when he took office and invited support, offered his followers nothing but blood and sweat and tears.

They accepted the challenge gladly. Everyone agreed that such a prospect was bitter but bitter things are less sour when shared.

The Government will continue to command the general support and enthusiasm because it is really levelling things out, with no cant or nonsense about it. Its first

measure was to take supreme power over wealth and labour, and the nation welcomed this enormous assumption of rights because it believed that it made for equity as well as despatch in the conduct of the war.

Real Equality Now

Let us see how the new equality is being achieved. In the last war, admittedly, there was much profiteering and many social distinctions, which active warfare should and often does abolish on the field, were increased at home by the emergence of a new plutocracy.

But it cannot happen again. The Excess Profits Duty has been slapped on immediately and not after long delays. It affects every industry and trade. It stands al-

By
Ivor Brown

ready at the top limit of 100 per cent. Elaborate safeguards are being built up against evasion. It will be enormously difficult for any firm or factory to "do well out of the war."

What of the individual? In the last war Income Tax never rose above 6s. Already it is 7s. 6d. and will go higher. As for Sur-Tax, that now begins at £1,500 a year and rises sharply from 1s. on the incomes just above that level to 9s. 6d. on the topmost heights of the big fortunes. That with the basic 7s. 6d. makes 17s. in the pound!

Equality is coming in many ways. Compulsory military service levels both the obligation and the nature of the service.

A duke's son cannot reckon, as he could of old, to become an officer at once—or ever at all.

All must spend two months (at least) in training as a private, be-

fore there can be any change of rank.

Profits Down: Wages Up

Profits are being stringently restricted while wages of sections of workers who have been relatively badly off in the past have been increased. The farm labourers have had increases of about 33 per cent. in recent weeks. The labourer that was earning 36s. or even less, at the outbreak of war will now draw 48s. or more.

Railway workers have just been stepped up another three shillings.

Now, if there were inflation and prices were rising giddily all the time, as they did in the last war, such gains would be illusory.

But there has been no inflation, and prices have been efficiently kept in hand by Government controls. During the last war the Government borrowed at 5 per cent., now it is borrowing at 3 or even less. Considering that the basic rate of income tax is seven-and-sixpence, this gives the rentier less than 2 per cent. net on his loan. No great booty there!

Of course, prices cannot be kept at pre-war levels, but they can be, and are being kept to a minim-

um. This often involves Government subsidy, but that is a form of equalisation. What happens is that the taxpayer has to assist the poorer purchaser by contributing a halfpenny or so to the price of the loaf. The price of bread has not been allowed to rise at all since the war began.

A visitor returning to London to-day after a year of absence and remembering the discreditable distinctions between rich and poor would find much to note in the spectacle of the West End.

Taxation and the ending of leisured luxury have brought their changes to Mayfair. Great town houses have been closed in many a famous street and square.

Many country mansions, no longer supportable by men once rich, have been turned into schools, hospitals, offices of evacuated firms and Government departments and homes for refugees.

The "blood and sweat and tears" are being shared. Never in hundreds of years has Great Britain been so equalitarian as now. While the war-effort is, as they say, on the "up and up," the rewards and sacrifices are increasingly "on the level."

How America Would Suffer

Mr. Otto D. Tolischus, writing in the "New York Times" on the economic results in America if Great Britain was defeated, says:—

"The result would be a complete change in the political and economic control of Europe and Africa, much of Asia and Oceania and presumably Australia.

"The economic consequences to America of such an upheaval are obvious. It would put America's entire foreign trade, not only with Europe but also with the rest of the world, completely under the control of Germany, and her allies.

"That trade, it may be argued, amounts to less than 10 per cent. of America's total production; but under America's methods of production that 10 per cent. often determines profit or loss. True, America produces many things which even a totalitarian world would still need. But the things that world would need would be American raw materials, such as oil and cotton.

"In markets for finished goods employing profitable labour America would find the competition of a consolidated Europe, behind whose salesmen stood the military might of Germany.

"What that means already is amply illustrated in the case of Rumania and other Balkan States. Moreover, whatever foreign trade remains to the United States would have to be conducted on terms dictated by Germany, which repudiates free private multilateral world trade conducted on a gold standard and substitutes for it a government-controlled bilateral barter trade based on an equal exchange of goods between two countries and paid for in 'labour currency.'

"In practice this means that Germany buys from each country only as much as she sells to it, and measures the value of goods so exchanged not in terms of gold but in terms of hours of labour. But the value of hours of labour in each country is determined through the mechanism of a managed fiat currency; the exchange value is adjusted arbitrarily by

agreement between governments, whose relative position, in turn, is determined by their relative might.

"Germany as the mightiest country in the world could herself determine how much foreign goods her first markets would buy and how much German goods the currencies of other countries should buy in return. Germany could determine employment and living standards in countries that must trade with her.

"For America the more or less world-wide adoption of this system would entail a further development of still immeasurable consequences—namely, demonitization of gold. With such a development the 19,000,000,000 dollars gold hoard in Kentucky would be reduced to trinket value. In such a case it might be doubted whether America's foreign investments would be worth the paper they are written on. Difficulties of America's 'financial imperialism' already are the subject of mocking comment in the German Press.

"Such, in any case, would be some of the inevitable consequences of 'socialistic planning between nations' and a victory of 'blood over gold' which the National Socialist regime has proclaimed on its banners. It proposes to lead the world into the 'socialistic millennium' to be formed—in Hitler's words—not by the senile forces of a decaying world but by the young and productive nations to whom belongs the future."

"This would leave the United States alternative courses. This nation could adopt an autarchic planned economy of its own and live mainly on its own resources within the confines of its own borders and militarise itself to the limit to assure its safety. But there can be little doubt that planned economy goes hand in hand with authoritarian government, and so this course might mean an end of America's political democracy.

"To adopt the alternative might be to court economic catastrophe of still inconceivable dimensions, with social and political upheavals, and possibly make America ripe for the invader."

To the Conscience Of The World

To the conscience of the world, an appeal has been addressed by forty-five leading English writers, among whom are H. G. Wells, J. B. Priestley, Walter de la Mare, Robert Lynd and Hugh Walpole. The appeal says:

"At this moment, when the future of our nation alone but that of all nations is being decided, we, the undersigned English writers, ask to be heard by the writers of other countries.

"Our country has been blamed in the past for actions most manifestly taken because we hoped by them to avert war. We failed. We failed to check the deliberate and carefully prepared violence which has invaded and killed in one country after another—Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France. Where the invading armies of Germany have gone, unarmed men and women and children have been mercilessly killed and freedom of mind and spirit has been crushed out.

"It is not life which is threatened. It is freedom of conscience and if that is lost, as it is lost wherever the Nazi power extends, life itself is not worth a breath. We ask all those who have still the liberty to speak and to think,

to consider what this means. We ask you to make it clear to the people of your country that we with our allies are not fighting only for ourselves, but for the belief we share with every man of every race and religion who holds that men should respect each other and minds should be free. We are fighting for our own lives. We are fighting in the hope of ending this war before more children—innocent if any one is—have been slaughtered in their homes and as they flee from their homes. But in as much as we are fighting for the consciences of our children, we are fighting for the people of every nation without exception. We ask you to know this.

We ask you, with the confidence that you will judge us fairly, to support us as best you can in a struggle which is not ended yet. We do not expect defeat. We expect danger and we are able to face it.

We expect your belief in us. And we pledge ourselves on our part to remember that a last peace can be based only on justice. We do not desire and we will set our faces against revenge. We appeal to each one of you individually to pass our words on, by every means, to the nations of the world."—(Associated Press).

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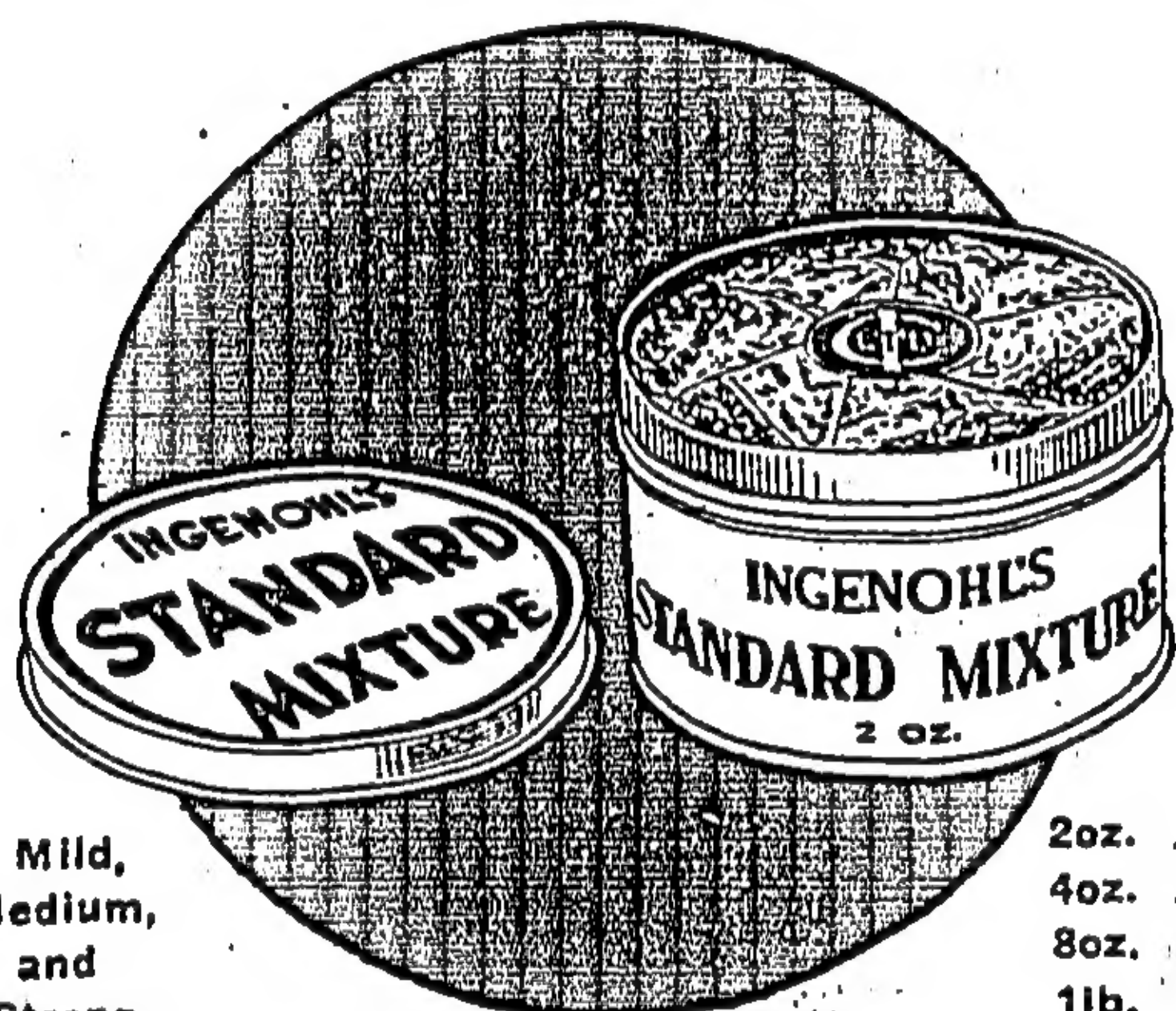


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ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES AT HOME

THE SILVER BEAMS which search Britain's skies every night are proving a great deterrent to German raiders and experience is showing that when caught in the concentrated glare of the searchlights they show an increasing tendency to turn back. The "tip and run" method of attack which is being adopted is a convincing proof of the effectiveness of Britain's anti-aircraft defences.

There can be no doubt that the effective and continuous use of searchlights is an insurance against air-raids. Caught in half a dozen beams the raider, twist and turn as he may, finds it difficult to escape or to see where he is going and the more dazzle he experiences the greater his confusion.

As long ago as 1915 searchlights were used against Zeppelins; and then as now, they had the effect of making hostile aircraft seek the less illuminated upper regions of the sky. In 1924 there began a thorough reorganisation of Britain's searchlight units and from a force of 2,500 men who were in training that year there grew the present force of over 70,000. There have been big developments in the instruments used and in the technique of spotting the invader. Searchlights with a candle power in the neighbourhood of 200-million throw powerful beams in every part of the sky.

When the projector is at work one man watches the ammeters and switch while another directs the beam.

Every detachment is fully armed with rifles and Lewis guns, and in this respect they provide an effective fighting force. During the operations in France searchlight units shot down at least five German planes and on many occasions detachments joined in the defence against air and ground attack. It is not surprising that in recent months German airmen have attempted to machine-gun searchlight posts in Britain.

Lonely Work

Detachments are necessarily scattered all over Britain with greater concentration at vulnerable points and the work is of a somewhat lonely character. The difficulties of feeding and administration are considerable and the non-commissioned officer in charge of each post who may be a corporal, has to bear a heavy responsibility. The discipline and esprit de corps are, notwithstanding, of a high order. "Wherever possible the food is obtained at a central kitchen and despatched to each detachment for re-heating.

Each searchlight unit comprise some 350 men and 24 searchlights. About ten men are allotted to each post. They use the Army soundlocator, an apparatus based on the principle of human hearing. It has large moveable trumpets for ears, four feet six inches apart, instead of the human span of six inches. Two pairs of trumpets are used, one for the horizontal plane and one for the vertical, and when these are on the sound line a calculation will show the approximate position of the aircraft whose engine noise has been detected.

On the accuracy of this calculation depends whether or not the plane will be found at the end of the beam when the searchlight sweeps into life.

After dark on any night there may be half a dozen beams roving the skies and if there are German planes about, sooner or later they will pass through one of the beams. Then what is called a "flick over" occurs and immediately this is observed, neighbouring beams concentrate on the target, until it is fully illuminated.

Once the plane has been picked up, it is held in the glare of the searchlights and passed on to successive groups of lights. Given good conditions the machine may be in view for a hundred miles although in Britain a clear cloudless night is the exception and there is often cloud-cover for German machines. There is always the difficulty of recognising British machines at night, but steps, which are necessarily secret, have been taken to minimise the danger of firing at British planes. The sentry at each post is equipped with binoculars, whistle, and gas detector.

The men who man the Lewis gun are on constant watch.

BRITISH RULE THE CHANNEL

A young American war correspondent, Daniel A. Campbell, representing the United Press of America, came back from Boulogne the other morning with a thick ear.

"I've been within two miles of the Fatherland," he said, "and I have seen nothing of any invasion plans."

Nevertheless, he told how the small naval vessel in which he was a passenger was shelled from the French coast.

"I was on the top deck when a shell burst within ten feet," he said, "and I have not heard anything with this ear ever since. It stung me ten feet on to the lower deck."

Mr. Campbell was the luckiest war correspondent in Europe. For months the entire British and Empire Press have been seeking permission for such a trip, but always they have been refused.

In Possession

Mr. Campbell, who was granted permission to sail, said the voyage was uneventful until they got near Boulogne, and then, in his own words:

"If Hitler had some troops awaiting a chance to make a landing, the R.A.F. mucked up the whole thing. You've no idea what a bombardment those aeroplanes of yours put up."

"I am quite certain that it will be impossible for Hitler to invade Britain so long as the R.A.F. can unload their stuff over there in the way that I saw them do it."

"We were so interested in the fireworks display that we went in within two miles of Boulogne Harbour, and the shore batteries opened up on us."

"You can see for yourself what a cauliflower ear I got."

"So far as my left ear is concerned I have no doubt that the British own the Channel."

CHASE THAT WON BAR TO D.F.C.

A PILOT OFFICER WHO WON THE D.S.O., M.C. AND D.F.C. IN THE LAST WAR AND WHO IS AGAIN ON ACTIVE SERVICE, ALTHOUGH 50 YEARS OLD, TOLD THE FORCES IN A BROADCAST TALK HOW HE RECENTLY WON A BAR TO HIS D.F.C.

He was asked, he said, that a Hurricane should be taken back to England from France before night-fall. He had never flown this plane before and had had no time to repair its guns.

Soon after he had taken off tracer-bullets began coming down at him from the hillsides. "Foolishly," said the pilot, "I shot up to about 8,000ft. to sail straight into a perfect pattern of horribly noisy, black, anti-aircraft bursts. An unorthodox manoeuvre got me out of this, but not before a Messerschmidt flight-commander had dived to the attack."

"Thereafter the chase went on up the village street and down a chateau drive and once almost through the chateau front door, until, suddenly twisting downstream in a wooded valley, I slipped out to sea, where the fleet off Boulogne opened up on the pack at my heels."

The speaker was recognised as Pilot Officer Louis A. Strange, who retired from the R.A.F. in 1921 with the rank of Wing Commander.

15 WOMEN TO BE CENSORS

The Ministry of Information is appointing 15 young women at £4 per week each to assist in the examination of newspapers and periodicals for matter likely to be useful to the enemy.

Their task will be confined to articles which under the existing voluntary system, have not been submitted to the Press Bureau.

It is suggested that these women should be called "censorettes," but their official designation is the more prosaic one of "examiners."



Rosemary Lane's first loan-out assignment after two years under contract to Warner's provides her with an important singing-romantic role in "The Boys from Syracuse." A Mayfair Production (to be released by Universal), the film is based on the Broadway musical comedy success. Miss Lane is seen opposite Allan Jones, who plays a dual role and who has romantic moments as well with Irene Harvey, his real-life wife.

AIR RAIDS AND HOUSEWIVES

HOUSEWIVES ARE playing a key part in the coastal town air battles. All those interviewed recently said it was their duty to remain to cook and scrub and care for their husbands and children and their neighbours whose homes were blown up in the daily air raids. They are most resentful of the published stories suggesting that they are leaving towns pushing prams loaded with possessions.

British women are as unafraid as the men. "We are in the front line, too," they said. For the nightly raids they move the children's beds into the air-raid shelters, where the children spend the entire night undisturbed. During the whistling of the bombs, the swooping planes, and the rattling machine-guns women in the shelters look as calm as if they were at a tea party.

During the worst raid on one coastal town, when several were killed, police patrolled streets with loud-speakers, asking shoppers to take cover.

Dover housewives caught in the streets during six daily raids reduced their wasted hours by forming a shopping club. When the all-clear siren sounds one dashes to the greengrocer, another buys meat, a third attends to the groceries, then they pool all provisions. When the police pointed out the machine-gun bullets falling thickly during the Messerschmitts' attack on the barrage balloons they completely failed to persuade the women to go indoors, who were restive after hours of sheltering. "I must go, the dinner is spoiling," was the general comment.

Getting Wise To It

Women have learnt to distinguish between the noises of machine-gun, cannon, and anti-aircraft fire. They are not anxious when the dull crump indicates a bomb. Everyone takes the children everywhere with them lest they are caught in the streets and prevented from getting home. Mothers and children look bored and unanxious.

All have achieved a jolly philosophy. The wife of a postman in a small town outside Dover arrived in Dover in the middle of an air raid. "I came here to visit my sister, who came to spend a holiday with her parents right in the middle of the blitzkrieg." It is a favourite joke to point to the French coast, "there's Germany."

The occupants of an entire street of tileless and windowless houses are laughing because an air raid worker was just going to bed at mid-morning after night duty, when a bomb dropped next door.

A Cheerful Lot

A housewife sheltering in a cellar with her baby heard the explosion, ran out to extricate the victims, and helped to dig out a

woman from beneath a copper where she was beginning to do the week's washing. All neighbouring houses an hour afterwards looked like a scene from the film, "Gulliver's Travels," with every man sitting on a windowsill nailing linoleum or three-ply to replace the missing tiles or glass,

LONDON GETS DOWN TO IT

The speed with which factories in the London area which have been bombed by German aircraft have reorganised production was illustrated in a speech at Lincoln yesterday by Sir Cecil Weir, Executive Member of the Export Council, Board of Trade.

Speaking of a London tour where he visited plants some of which had been struck as frequently as eight times by every type of bomb, Sir Cecil Weir said: "One would have expected disorganisation, chaos, confusion. Instead one found an extraordinary degree of normal production and in one of the worst cases, the drop in production, a large part of which was going for export, was less than thirty per cent, and the managing director assured me that, within another week or two, they would be fully up to usual output."

Another manufacturer showed me photographs of his damaged factory which had been struck in a vital spot by a 1,500 lb. bomb. In another, a vital spot had been blasted by a landmine.

When he looked at the damage the day after the attack, his foreman said: "How long do you think it will be before we can get going", and he said, optimistically, about a month.

In actual fact, the plant was operating within 24 hours. I lost thirty per cent, production in the first week, twenty per cent, in the second and in the third was producing the full output which was much more than we manufactured in pre-war days.—British Wire-

less.

or to cover the shrapnel holes in the walls. When a bomb fell in the five yard space between two Anderson shelters, a young mother said, "I was a bit frightened for my ten months' old baby. He cried for five minutes, but was unhurt. We wonder what happened to the chickens in the run where the bomb fell as we have not found even a feather." Asked whether she intended to repair some shattered windows, a fat, jolly housewife who helped to dig out the victims, said, "I believe it is the landlord's responsibility, but if he takes as long as he did to repair one tile, we won't have windows until the war is over."

VICHY EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH THAILAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WITH REGARD TO the series of notes received by the French Government from Thailand, authoritative circles in Vichy assert that those pertaining to territorial claims have been categorically rejected.

The other notes received referred to the ratification of the non-aggression pact signed between the two countries four months ago, and recent incidents along the border between Thailand and Indo-China.

The French Government is ready to proceed immediately with the exchange of the instruments of the ratification of the non-aggression pact.

The Bangkok Government has not yet received these instruments and it is proposed to send a copy from France by telegram.

The French Government has also agreed to a proposal for a joint Franco/Thai commission to undertake the repartitioning of several islands on the Mekong River, which forms part of the frontier between the two countries.

It is stressed that the commis-

sion will not be empowered to examine any other territorial questions.

Joint Committee

The Thai Government requested the formation of a joint committee to investigate frontier incidents which resulted in the death of Lao Tlan, a subject whom the Thai Government claimed was a Thallander.

France agreed to the suggestion and proposed that a committee be empowered to investigate other frontier incidents which took place along the Thai/Indo-China border during the past few weeks.



WORST MAN

"Got the ring safely?"

"The ring? Oh. Wait a minute. Ring. Here it is. No. Confound it. Where is it? Could have sworn it was in this pocket."

"You will find it nestling coyly in the bottom right-hand waistcoat pocket."

"Oh yes. Of course. So it is. Ha! Ha! Funny if I lost it. Yes. I say—let's go over this business once more. Now what do I do when..."

"My dear Peter, look at your tie. Pull yourself together. Remember, I'm the man who's going to be married, not you."

"Oh. Are you? I mean yes—of course. Fact is, old boy, I'm in a rather weak state. That celeb-

tion of yours last night. Oh my poor head. I'm sure I won't be able to squeeze it into that wretched topper."

"If you'd only taken my advice last night and stuck to gin and Rose's..."

"Rose's? Oh yes. For the bridesmaids. I thought you said they were to be carnations."

"Rose's Lime Juice, blockhead! Prevents hangovers. Therapeutic action. I wish I'd rammed a quart of it down your silly throat. Next time I get married, Peter, remember—you stick to gin and Rose's the night before."

"Oh yes. Thanks for the tip. I will. I say—Charles—where did I put that ring? I could have sworn..."

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Falling Hair, Failing Health

Nature blessed us with vanity after our bodies were created. That was her method of making us care for ourselves. When we look at falling hair, our vanity should be pricked, for nature is telling us that something is wrong — all is not well.

Thinning hair is frequently caused by improper care of the scalp, but noticeably falling hair is caused by a health condition which should be determined and remedied. Perhaps you need a good long rest, perhaps your menus are faulty or you are not getting sufficient exercise. For some reason your body is not functioning properly and it cannot supply the scalp with the nutrition it needs. After an examination, or self analysis, determine on a programme and then (and only then) attempt to bring back new hair beauty through the following suggested treatment. Rest, sunbaths, scientific menus and exercise are always your best doctors, but somehow if we pay for a doctor's advice we will follow it!

How To Treat Scalp

Just to be certain that no scalp parasite is causing the hair to fall, shampoo every week for one month with tincture of green soap unless your hair has been dyed. Rinse it thoroughly after each shampoo, dry it in the sun, and brush it with a sterilised brush.

Before each shampoo give it a hot olive oil treatment, applying the oil to the scalp with cotton. Leave it on over night.

After each shampoo massage the scalp with a sulphur ointment prepared by one of the leading scalp specialists. Remove excess ointment with a bit of cotton wrung out of witch hazel. Leave this on until the next shampoo. After the first month, shampoo every ten days or two weeks. In the meantime be certain that your combs and brushes are kept antiseptically clean.



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Do not under any circumstances have a permanent wave during the time your hair is falling. Wait until your body has grown healthy and your hair has stopped falling.

Sometimes a truly specialised treatment is necessary with a vibratory massage, an Infra Red, or an Ultra Violet Ray. Only a

physician skilled in such knowledge should advise you—no beauty salon operator has the necessary medical training.

If you have bald spots, scattered over your scalp, where new hair begins to grow, clip the new fuzz one or two times to strengthen its growth. Sometimes a very diluted iodine mixture helps the hair to grow.

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Dr. Cullis' Lectures

It is emphasised that to men as well as to women, a cordial invitation is extended to attend the public lectures to be given in Hong Kong by Professor Winifred Cullis, C.B.E., M.A., D.Sc.

Professor Cullis is to speak at the Helena May Institute tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. and again at the Y.M.C.A. Kowloon on Thursday, October 24th at 9.15 p.m.

What she will have to say will be of great interest to the entire English-speaking community, as she will give some details of Britain at war and the effort that is being made by every man and woman, not only to resist a possible German invasion but towards completing the preparations for a great counter-offensive.

Professor Cullis is an inspiring messenger and having personally experienced some of the bombing raids in London and south-west England, is able to give first hand details of the morale of the people and their utmost confidence in an ultimate victory for democracy as well as of their astounding ability to "stand up to it." Admission to the meetings is free.

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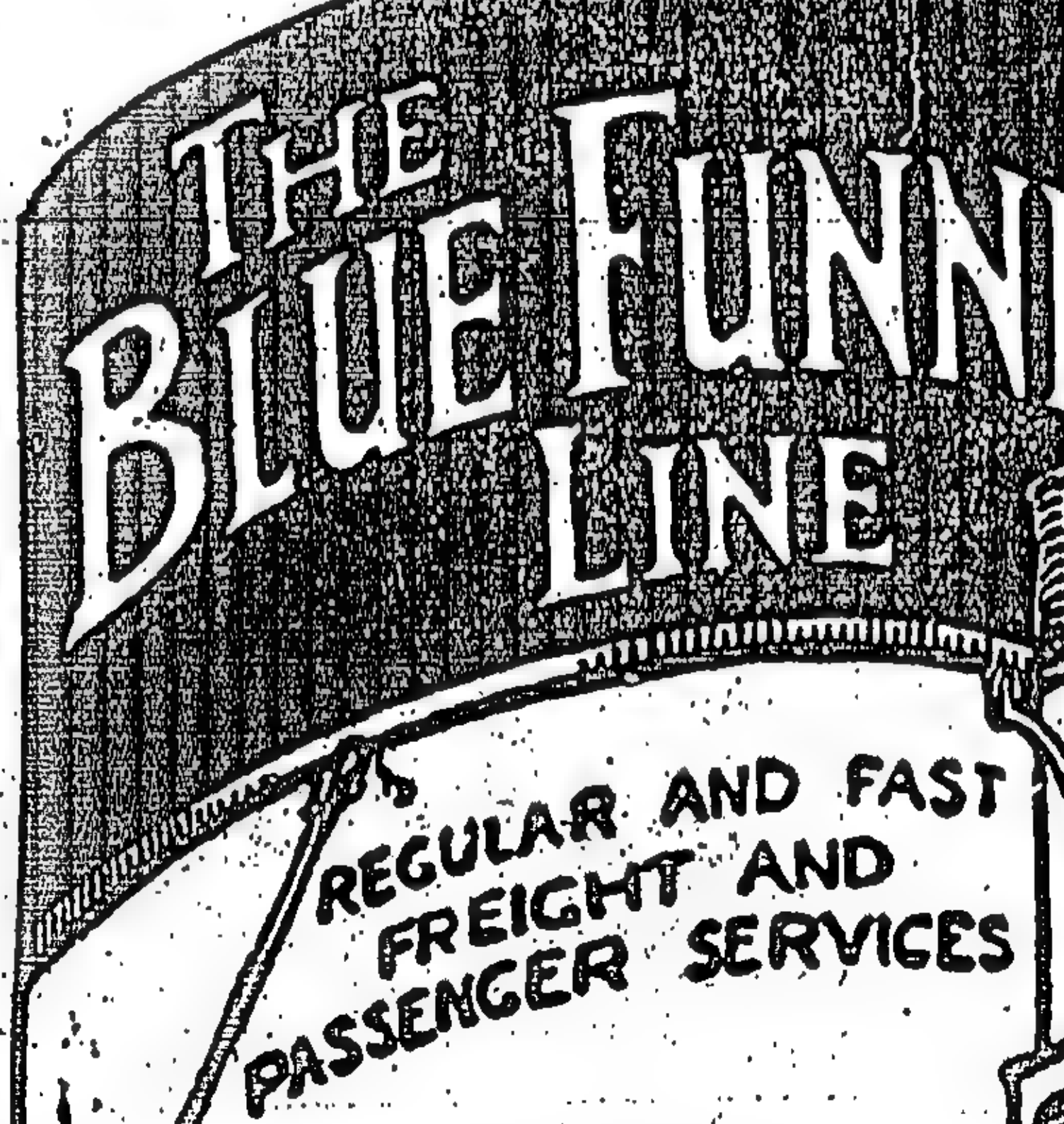
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FARM LABOUR ANOMALY

The Ministry of Agriculture is faced with a big problem as the result of an unexpected lack of demand for farm labour.

Drastic powers have been taken to counteract the shortage of labour of which farmers complained in many parts of the country, but it appears that the compulsory transfer to the land, dependent on jobs being offered them, of skilled agricultural workers who had entered factories has not proceeded far.

Thousands of volunteers have answered the Minister's appeal to help with food production. The position now is that many of them are waiting for jobs.

The women's Land Army has more recruits than applications for their services, only a third of the 1,200 university harvest volunteers have so far been offered work, and many of the schoolboy holiday camps have fallen through.

Many factors are contributing to this temporary impasse. More than 70,000 men have left the land since the war began, and there is no doubt that on thousands of farms too few men are employed to get maximum output. Skilled men are, in fact, wanted in many districts, and better correlation between supply and demand in different areas seems needed.

QUESTION OF FINANCE

Many farmers are hampered by lack of ready cash, and a Government sponsored cheap credit scheme would certainly stimulate the demand for labour.

There is considerable reluctance to take on unskilled workers, especially temporary ones, even at the lower rates of pay now conceded, and the weather, the difficulty of employing squads of untrained volunteers on moderately sized farms and of finding tools, and the question of housing have all influenced the demand.

Inquiry should quicken with the corn harvest, but an effort should be made by farmers to work out provisional arrangements in advance.

MILLAY POEM FOR B.W.R.A.

A thin little blue-covered book will do its part to raise money for the British war relief fund at the fair to be held at the Manila Club next Saturday, Oct. 19. It is the only copy believed to be in the Philippines of Edna St. Vincent Millay's newest poem, *There Are No Islands Any More*.

According to the author's own dedication, they are "lines written in passion and in deep concern for England, France and My Own Country." Miss Millay explains further: "This poem, written by me in the cause of democracy, has been printed and distributed with my permission, free of royalty to me or profit to my publishers (Harper and Brothers). All proceeds from the sale of this book will be turned over to an established war relief agency."

The single advance copy received in Manila is a first edition and will be sold at Mrs. A. O. Baigrie's booth, probably to the highest bidder. Available also to Mrs. Baigrie's stall will be about 20 other sample or advance copies of books being published in the United States his fall, and, therefore, first editions.

Other articles on sale at this stall will be bridge supplies, stationery, novelties, etc.

H.K.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. against Craigengower C.C. at H.K.C.C. at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 19:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, Capt. A. J. Dewar, Surg. Lt.-Com. W. G. Finnie, J. H. Fox, T. G. C. Knight, R. M. M. King, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb.

A MILLION MILES

The first squadron in the Royal Air Force to use Hudson aircraft has just completed a million miles of flying in this American built military version of the Lockheed 14.

The squadron belongs to Coastal Command and its work is principally general reconnaissance over the North Sea. As part of the eyes of Britain's defence system the squadron has done invaluable work in detecting the movements of enemy forces by land, sea and air. Its crews fly for hours in all weathers out of sight of land and its navigators are among the most experienced in the Royal Air Force.

In addition to reconnaissance work, the squadron has many successful bombing raids and air combats to its credit. Its aircraft have attacked successfully harbours, ships and other military targets. The squadron's logbooks show records of more than fifty air battles, during which a dozen enemy aircraft have been definitely shot down and many others damaged.

U-boats are also among its victims. Working in close cooperation with the Navy the squadron has frequently provided an air escort for our warships and has driven off a number of attempted enemy air attacks upon them. In its files are hundreds of photographs of enemy ports, aerodromes, towns and ships.

Four of the squadron's officers hold the D.F.C. and four airmen the D.F.M. About a quarter of the pilots come from the Dominions. The pilots are generous in their praise of the Hudsons, which they describe as "wizard aircraft for the job."

THE RUDE RING

A Flying Officer at a Fighter Command station has for years been proud of his signet ring. He used it, in civilian life, to mark sealing wax on registered letters and documents in his City office. When he came into the Air Force to an administrative job he continued to use his signet ring for marking the sealing wax on envelopes.

The other day an old friend of his, also in the R.A.F., rang him up after receiving a letter from him.

His friend said: "Go to Hell!" "I beg your pardon!", said the indignant Flying Officer. "What do you mean?"

"I said 'Go to Hell!'", replied his friend. "You told me to go there, so now I'm telling you."

The friend went on to explain that being intrigued by the inscription on the sealing wax made by the signet ring he had inquired and found that it was Arabic for "Go to Hell!"

"After all these years," says the Flying Officer, "I now discover that I have been having my leg pulled all the time by a former colleague of mine. The ring was bought in Bagdad—in fact it was made specially for my friend. He sent it to me as a gift and I have worn it ever since."

CALL TO BRITISH JEWRY

British Jewry is determined to wrest from the hands of the Fascists their favourite weapon of anti-semitism.

Realising that anti-semitic propaganda relies for its strength on being able to point the finger at individual cases of an unsavoury nature in which Jews are involved, Jews themselves are setting to work to eliminate so far as possible the eventuality of such cases.

All communities have their black sheep, but to combat prejudice Jewry is attempting a 100 per cent. weeding out process. This is being combined with a clarion call to all its members to throw their whole weight into the nation's fight for liberty.

This is the basis for a campaign, which has been launched among the Jewish communities in London, and will later be extended to other parts of the country.

"Good citizenship" is the keynote of the scheme, which has already met with remarkable support and response from individuals and industries where Jewish employers and employees predominate.

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Weakened Saints Team Account For Asheville Chung Hwa Beat South China On Costly Errors

By "Grandstand"

A NUMBER OF friendlies featured the weekend softball, eight teams being involved. On the Kowloon side, the Recreio Aces massacred the Hong Kong Baseball Club to the tune of 17 runs to 6, whilst the Recreio Bees triumphed over the Chinese Baseballers by a 15 to 12 verdict.

On the Hong Kong side the games were more interesting, the Saints finishing on the long end of an 8-6 score, whilst Chung Hwa just managed to nose out South China by six runs to five.

The Rambling Rees played an errorless game, whilst the Hong Kong Baseballers booted seven times, but outhit the Aces by 12 to 10. Both teams used two pitchers. Noronha and Gósano toeling the rubber for the Portuguese, whilst Molthen and Kent toiled for the Baseballers. All except Noronha had one strike-out to their credit.

The Rees, on the other hand, based their victory on their hickory wielding, connecting for 15 safeties to the Chinese Baseballers' 10 and committed one error less than the Chinese four.

Guterres Yanked

Guterres, working on the mound for the Bees, was derrickd after he had issued four free tickets to first, and was replaced by Lawrence, who fanned three. The Chinese also used two hurlers, Tuffy Chinn, and George White, the former fanning four.

In the opener on the Hong Kong side, the Saints worked "Bashful" Frankie Gonzales on the mound, who went the route, whilst the Mighty "A" had their baseball first-sacker Balcerek assuming mound duties. The Saints outhit the Mighty "A" by 8-7, but were more fortunate in that their hits counted, as they always had one of the sacks occupied, whilst the Asheville blows were scattered, with the exception of the inning in which three runs in a row, assisted by a wild pitch, gave them three markers. The only Saint bobbie was committed by Omar's muff of Balcerek's high fly to short centre. Sonny Sondag and Sabo shared batting honours, both singling twice in their two trips to the platter, whilst Gordon belted the only homer of the fracas. Powerhouse Stan Leonard and Charlie Manson were good for a double apiece.

The Holy men batted first and only chalked up one run in the first on a walk and a hit, whilst the Mighty "A" replied with three tallies to put them in the lead. Via the same route of a walk and a hit the Saints dented the counting station once more, whilst Omar's muff gave the Asheville-men one more marker. The Saints

crept nearer and trailed one run behind at the end of the third. In the fourth both sides were retired in one, two, three order. In the fifth frame, Powerhouse Stan Leonard's double with Showboat All on board tied the score, which was broken by Albert Leonard's rasping single through short. In the sixth the Saints dented the plate for three more tallies, and put the game on ice, with four runs ahead.

In the Asheville half of the inning, with one on, Gordon socked into Frankie's easy floater and lost the pill for a four-bagger—ground rules or no ground rules!

In the last time at bat, Johnson, pinch-hitting for "Beer Barrel" Vachianno, drew a pass, whilst Sontag singled to put two on bases. With the tying run on the sacks, Lies attempted a sacrifice bunt which went foul. On the next pitch he attempted the same run and hit play but hind-snatcher Hal Wing-lee snared the pill before it hit the dirt, and pegged to second for the only double killing. Bishoff fled out to first for the game to end 8-6.

Costly Errors

Five costly errors in the clutches cost South China their game when they were nosed out by the Chung Hwa nine.

Bill Quon tossed for South China, with S. C. Wong at the receiving end, the latter being replaced during the fourth by Cecil "Sparks" Winglee. Lone hurler of Chung Hwa, Al Lau, toiled on the slab and was nicked for five blows, and passed one to first. South China ball-hawk, Johnnie I. C. Wong, batted a neat 1,000 in his three trips to the platter, whilst Bill Chang made the longest hit of the tussle when he belted a two-bagger for Chung Hwa. South China drew first blood, when Bill Quon made first sack, on four balls in a row, and pilfered second. First-sacker Kenny Yum's single advanced him to third. With ducks in the pond, Johnnie Wong batted in Quon, and Nelson Ma sacrificed for Yum. In the next stanza Chung Hwa equalised on two hits, and two South China bobbies. In the third South China drew ahead once more with two tallies. In a fifth-inning rally Chung Hwa lashed the leather all over the place and knotted the count with one out. The winning tally came in when Jimmy Chung blasted the apple through the box, which nearly blew the brains out of hurler Bill Quon. Al Lau, who was perched on second, scampered all the way home and slid in a cloud of dust, beating the throw in by a whisker. Owing to a shortage of players, midget Sammy Chan Yue-kong, Alley-Cat infield marvel, was assigned the duty of holding second sack and in his four fielding chances handled the pill like a veteran. Hardly able to lift a bat, he beat out a bunt along the first base line, pilfered second, but was left stranded.

Divisional Allocations

News has been received that the committee authorised by the Association have reached a definite decision regarding the segregation of the different teams into the First and Second Divisions. In the former category are the Recreio Aces, the Canadian Chinese, the Chinese Baseball Club, St. Joseph's, Hong Kong

ARMY RUGBY TRIAL

The final Army Rugby trial held at Sookunpoo yesterday evening revealed some useful talent.

Yesterday's game between the Reds and the Blues resulted in a win for the former by nine points (three tries) to five (one goal). Many changes were made in the teams at half-time however, and in the second session more than half the Reds were playing for the Blues and vice versa.

Following took part in the trial: Gnr. Easterbrook, 5/A.A.; Pte. Macdonald, R.A.M.C., L/C. Coombes, R.A.M.C.; Capt. Douglass, 2/R.S., L/Bdr. Richards, 8/Hvy.; Capt. Hook, 8/Hvy.; 2/Lt. Wedderburn, 5/A.A.; Pte. Mohan, R.A.M.C., Gnr. Whitehead, 5/A.A., Capt. Hewitt, 1/Mx., Capt. Bedford, R.C.S., 2/Lt. Eddison, 12/Hvy., Sgt. Page, 5/A.A., Pte. Wigglesworth, R.A.M.C., L/Bdr. McDermott, 8/Hvy., Capt. Drew-Wilkinson, 2/R.S.; Sgt. Marsh, 8/Hvy.; 2/Lt. Ford, 2/R.S.; Sign. Willis, R.C.S., L/C. Picton, R.E.; 2/Lt. Gibson, 2/R.S., Sign. Morgan, R.C.S.; Pte. Berry, M/X., Cpl. Sutherland, 2/R.S., 2/Lt. Bompas, H.K.S.R.A., 2/Lt. Pinkerton, 2/R.S., 2/Lt. Millar, 2/R.S., Capt. Duke, 2/R.S., 2/Lt. Cuthbertson, 2/R.S., 2/Lt. Heath, 5/A.A. Reserves who played in the second half were:— L/C. Birrell, R.E., L/Sgt. Sheldrake, R.E., Pte. Coombe, 2/R.S., 2/Lt. Denderfield, 12/Hvy., Lt. Smith, H.K.S.R.A., L/C. Lane, 2/R.S., Clifton, Lt. Lomax, 8/Hvy., L/C. Foley, R.E., Pte. Ferguson, 1/Mx., Lt. Willoughby, 1/Mx.

SIGNALS' WATERPOLO WIN

In the final of the (Army (Large Units) Water-polo Knock-Out Competition played in the Army pool yesterday, the Royal Corps of Signals scored a rather fortunate victory over the Middlesex Regiment by 2 goals to 1 through a penalty goal near the end of the game.

In the first minute of the second half Dignan broke away to give the Corps the lead with a splendid shot, but Middlesex equalised through Jennings.

Towards the close during a melee in their goalmouth Middlesex were penalised and Morgan

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

At last the Small Units football knock out competition is under way, and the first game to be played was between the Hong Kong Signals and "D" Coy of the Royal Scots, which resulted in a win for the latter by 5-0.

On Monday at Shamshuiipo "C" Coy of the Middles lost to "A" Coy of the Royal Scots after extra time, the score being 2-1. Thomas scored for the Middles and Cornwall (1), Jones (1) for the Scots.

To-day "A" Coy of the Middlesex will play the Corps of Military Police at Shamshuiipo kick off 4.30 p.m.

LAST week the Middlesex Regt. "A" team defeated the Y.M.C.A. "A" team by the only goal of the match, which was scored by Stanton. Stickley, the Colony and Army player, was outstanding in the defence and caused many upsets to the attacking forwards. Ferguson on the right wing is very fast and tricky with the ball.

At Boundary Street the Middles Juniors beat the Police 2nd XI by four goals to one, the goals being scored by Hatfield (2), C/Sgt. Bond (1), and Caul (1).

A rather good game was witnessed between the R.A.S.C. and the R.A.M.C. last week at Sookunpoo with the former emerging winners by 2 goals to one. Sheridan, despite a nasty cut over the eye, played an excellent game at back, and Gardiner as his partner proved a promising player. The half-backs all played well and broke up several dangerous

casily beat Berry. Royal Corps of Signals:—Bennett; Morgan and Allen; Bedford; Pitcher, Dignan and McCan. Middlesex Regt.:—Berry; Freshwater and Hymas; Ure; Burdge, Bendon and Jennings.

SWIMMING INTERPORT ON: MANILA DUE HERE ON TUESDAY

MISGIVINGS AS TO the effect of the Far Eastern political situation on the proposed Interport swimming contest between Manila and Hong Kong were set at rest last night when word was received from the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation which stated that the Manila team would be coming.

Manila have asked Victoria Recreation Club, under whose auspices the contest will be held, to endeavour to secure permission from the Police for landing permits for the entire party. Failing permission being forthcoming for the women, P.A.A.F. state, the men only will travel.

In the event of everything falling through, it is suggested that V.R.C. send a team to Manila next month and that the Interport be held there. It is understood that the Manila contingent will be arriving in a Japanese liner on Tuesday and

Baseball Club, Cyclones, Indian Softball Club and the Filipinos, whilst the following belong to the latter class: Recreio Bees, Chung Hwa, South China, Royal Engineers, Royal Scots, Royal Artillery, Royal Air Force, the Comopolitans, Liga, V.R.C. and Central British Association. It is also understood that the First Division and Ladies' League will be played on the Kowloon Football ground, whilst the Junior teams will meet on the Central British Ground.

SWIMMING SENSATION

Various whispers of obstruction in the recent harbour race, by a member of Victoria Recreation Club against Miss Lee Po-luen, winner of the harbour race in 1939, will have a culmination this evening when a meeting will be held by the proper authorities at V.R.C. to discuss a letter from South China Athletic Association which alleges that "J. Marques, did intentionally foul Miss Lee Po-luen, not less than four times, about 100 yards from the finish of the harbour race."

It is understood that the letter includes a hope that proper supervision will be instituted at future harbour races. It is learned that the parties concerned, J. Marques and Miss Lee Po-luen, have been asked to be present this evening.

The forwards all combined well together especially with S/Sgt. Williams finding his old form again. The goals were scored by Pearn (1) and S/Sgt. Williams (1).

The Sappers were given a surprise by HQ Company of the Middlesex Regt., who, with only one of their battalion players turning out for them, won by four goals to one, L/Cpl. Moggeridge getting the hat-trick, with O'Mahony scoring the other. Sgt. Grosten scored for the Sappers.

To-day the Signals are playing the 18th A.A. Bty. R.A. at Sookunpoo, bully off 5 p.m. To-morrow the H.K. Signals are playing the R.A.S.C. in the first game of the Departmental League Shield series, at Chatham Road, bully off 5 p.m.

AN exciting game of cricket was seen between the Sappers and the Service Corps, with the former winning by 6 runs. The Sappers batted first and were all out for 108 runs—Spr. Tropp

Cricket 27, S/Sgt. Kahoe 26, and Spr. Bailey 14.

The Corps replied with 102, and at one time they looked like winning with their score at 102 for 7 wickets, but, owing to the fine bowling of Sgt. Denyer, they were all out for 102 runs. Sgt. French of the Service Corps took 8 wickets for 36 runs and Cpl. Young and Sgt. Hamlen both reached over the 20 mark for the R.A.S.C.

The Signals beat the Engineers last Saturday by 31 runs—Cpl. Blount 18, Cpl. Bedford 12, Cpl. Cox 17, L/C. Love 16 and Sig. Cogell 11, being the best scorers for the Signals, and Sgt. Brackenbury doing rather well with his bowling by taking 4 wickets for only 7 runs. The Sappers were not on form and only three of their players managed to reach double figures. Sgt. Denyer was again their best bowler with 4 wickets for 27.

To-day the Middlesex Regt. are playing the Sappers at Sookunpoo, starting at 2 p.m.

THE Engineers are starting in real earnest with their rowing training for the forthcoming regatta. One alteration has been made in their team

Rowing with Spr. Monaghan taking No. 3 in place of L/Cpl. Foley, who is better over the 2,000 yds. course. At last the post of Area Rowing Officer has been filled. He will be 2/Lt. A. E. Clayton, 20th Heavy Bty. R.A., who has already called a meeting of Unit representatives for next week.

ON Saturday Army will play their first game of the season against the Indian Recreation Club on the latter's ground, and the following have been selected to represent the Army.

Cricket Major Grose, R.E., Sgt. Denyer, R.E., 2/Lt. T. A. Pearce, R.A., 2/Lt. J. L. C. Pearce, R.A., B.Q.M.S. Pettit, R.A., L/Cpl. Young, R.A.S.C., L/Cpl. Logan, R.A.S.C., Major Harvey, R.A.M.C., Sgt. Webb, R.A.M.C., Capt. Douglas, R.S., L/Cpl. Murphy, R. C. Signals.

The Army 2nd XI will play the R.C. 2nd XI on the Army ground at Sookunpoo, and the following have been selected to play for the Army.

Capt. Lawrence, R.I.A.S.C., Major Swyre, R.A.M.C., Sgt. Grabbe, R.A., Capt. Hook, R.A., Spr. Ratcliffe, R.E., Spr. Tropp, R.E., Lt. Fergus, R. Scots; S/Cdr. Gardner, R.A.O.C., Sgt. Bell, R.A.S.C., Cpl. Blount, R. C. Signals, Pte. Hatfield, 1st Middlesex.

On Sunday the Army will play the K.C.C. on the K.C.C. ground and the following will represent the Army.

Major Grose, R.E., Sgt. Denyer, R.E., 2/Lt. T. A. Pearce, R.A., 2/Lt. J. L. C. Pearce, R.A., Capt. Lawrence, R.I.A.S.C., Capt. Dewar, R.A.S.C., Capt. Holmes, 1st Kumaon Rifles, Capt. Duke, R. Scots, Sgt. Webb, R.A.M.C., Gnr. Gadd, R.A., Pte. Hatfield, 1st Middlesex.



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Cricket With Taste

A Good Lunch But What About The Game

Amusing Cricket Reporting

"REPORTING FROM A new angle" might almost be the title of the following article written by R. C. Robertson-Glasgow in the "Sunday Express." It happens to be of peculiar interest as being a comment on the somewhat uncommon effort of a writer in one of the British Colonies to describe a cricket match which apparently took place somewhere in the East.

The "discreet use of censorship" has unfortunately deprived us of any exact knowledge of the venue of the game, but an equally "discreet guess" may be formed by those who know their terrain anywhere east of Suez. However there are no prizes offered for any solutions.

"Through the kindness of Major A. a very enjoyable game of cricket was played on the XY Sports Club ground between P and Q. Lunch was served in the dining hall of Z. The various items of food had been provided by the players, and these were tastefully served up by a band of willing lady helpers. After lunch the Toast to The King was given. This was followed by a speech of thanks by Mr. N to Major M for his unfailing kindness on such occasions, and also a vote of thanks to the ladies who had arranged the lunch so well. After a very enjoyable game, P won by a margin of over ninety runs."

Accent On The Lunch

Thus, with a mild rearrangement of punctuation and a discreet use of censorship, runs the account, which a friend has sent me, of a cricket match between two teams of a British colony in foreign parts. It may strike the casual reader that the section devoted to the play is meagre, that the reference to the luncheon is "bland almost to sickness," and that, in one instance at least, the band of willing lady helpers had arranged the less solid part of the luncheon rather too well. Someone, not, I fancy, the Lucullan reporter, has remembered to append the score. It is one deserving of a fuller explanation than it has received. For here, too, there are signs of refreshment. Of the twelve batsmen, number 2 does not appear to have had any innings at all, for against his name there is a mysterious blank space. Nine wickets fell for about 60 runs; but the last wicket pair contributed 92. There follows the ghostly observation "27," suspended in air and anonymity. Extras 4, and total 196. Q replied with only 104.

Be this as it may, it can be regarded as an extreme example of the laudatory method in reporting. "Pick one thing that interests you above all others, and it is almost sure to interest your readers," once remarked a very famous critic. In this case, the refreshments and their service have been picked on; but they excite, rather than sustain, interest. There is lacking a gracious somewhat.

Excessive Praise

Reflecting on these peculiar matters, I began to wonder whether most reporters do not habitually tend to excessive praise. For all that cricketers, who are scarcely less touchy than actors, may state to the contrary, we spend many hours in the search for the good and the beautiful, if not always for the true. To me, at least, the strain has often been severe. I have known an ill-suppressed longing to write some such words as—

"On the—Ground, which, for sheer ugliness, can have few rivals, while the chimneys belched foul smoke, and a bitter wind whistled through the ramshackle Grand Stand which, by the way, is set at a ridiculous angle to the play; before a small, shrivelled and unintelligent herd of spectators, the match between A and B was reluctantly resumed. It had reached a condition which, except to a mind irrevocably sunk in an insane optimism, could lead only to a futile draw. Perhaps it was the continued and ungenerous

absence of a sight-screen at the City End that induced C, who has seldom been seen to less advantage, to strike a paralytic attitude confidently supposed to be a posture of defence and to remain at the crease for thirty minutes before he scored a run between first and second slip, while apparently attempting a leg-glide." Perhaps, after this, I should not be asked to write again; but I should be able to say with "G K C"—"I have laid an egg; I feel better, thank you."

"After That—The Score"

Perhaps, therefore, it would always be safer merely to remark, whenever consistent with truth, that the lunch was tastefully served up by a band of willing lady, or gentlemen helpers, and that "a very enjoyable game of cricket was played." After that, the score.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

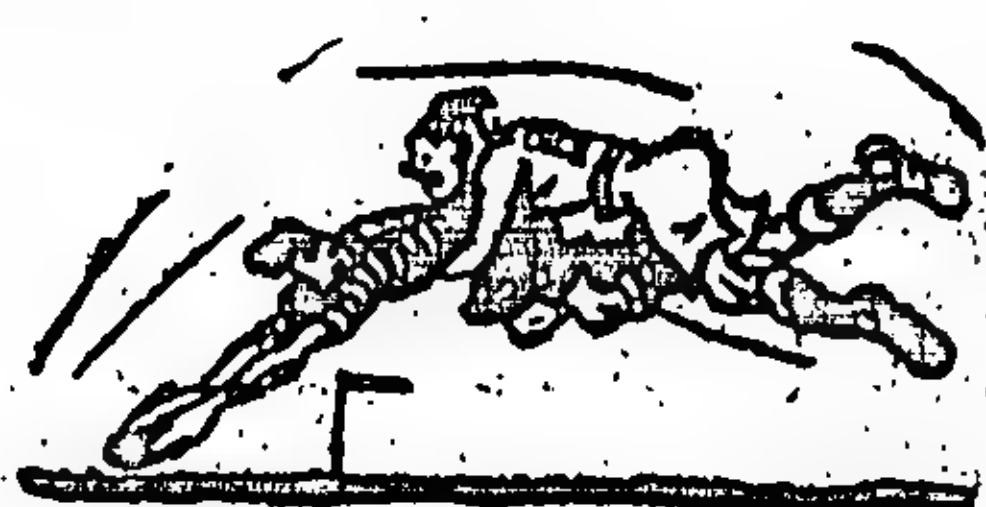
Following are the starting times for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Happy Valley Golfers versus Kowloon Golf Club match on Sunday:

9.00 & 10.30 a.m.	R. K. Collings and D. S. Edward.
9.05 .. 10.35	A. J. Dennis and A. McKellar.
9.10 .. 10.40	H. F. Phillips and A. C. I. Bowker.
9.15 .. 10.45	W. S. Hillier and D. Humphreys.
9.20 .. 10.50	K. S. McKenzie and W. Sharp.
9.25 .. 10.55	A. L. Eastman and T. Low.
9.30 .. 11.00	W. C. Simpson and H. H. Mundy.
9.35 .. 11.05	W. V. Ahern and A. D. Humphreys.
9.40 .. 11.10	E. C. Fincher and H. Smith.
9.45 .. 11.15	A. W. Ramsay and G. E. Willerton.
9.50 .. 11.20	W. A. Stewart and D. Forbes.
9.55 .. 11.25	F. C. Barry and A. H. Penn.
10.00 .. 11.30	J. D. Thomson and N. J. Bebbington.
10.05 .. 11.35	T. Lamb and G. Davies.
10.10 .. 11.40	A. A. Lopes and T. B. Low.
10.15 .. 11.45	W. Kershaw and N. J. Booker.
10.20 .. 11.50	H. J. Grose and W. Stoker.
10.25 .. 11.55	E. C. Murphy and E. Greenwood.

AFTERNOON TIMES	
2.15 p.m.	R. K. Collings and A. J. Dennis; D. S. Edward and A. McKellar.
2.20	H. F. Phillips and W. S. Hillier; A. C. I. Bowker and D. Humphreys.
2.25	K. S. McKenzie and A. L. Eastman; W. Sharp and T. Low.
2.30	W. C. Simpson and W. V. Ahern; H. H. Mundy and A. D. Humphreys.
2.35	E. C. Fincher and A. W. Ramsey; H. Smith and G. E. Willerton.
2.40	W. A. Stewart and F. C. Barry; D. Forbes and R. H. Penn.
2.45	J. D. Thomson and T. Lamb; N. J. Bebbington and G. Davies.
2.50	A. A. Lopes and W. Kershaw; T. B. Low and N. J. Booker.

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches on the "Y" ground at King's Park this week—
TO-DAY
 2nd XI v R.A.S.C. (8 p.m.)—Benwell; Killean and Ralston; Heptonstall, Gilchrist and Smith; Banks, McGahan, Spare, Irson, and Bevan.
SATURDAY
 2nd XI v H. M. Dostroyer (3 p.m.)—Fishlock; Killean and Ralston; Croft, Gilchrist and Gorman; Smith, Dorman, Spare, Grant, and Banks.



CLUB RUGBY TRIAL

Club are holding their second and last Rugby Trial at the Valley to-day, commencing at 5.15 p.m.

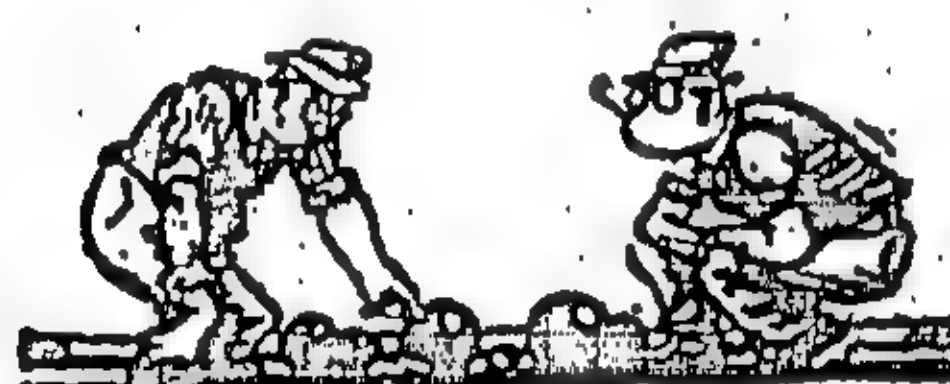
Following are the teams:

Colours—F. M. Thompson; D. H. Stewart, H. D. Bidwell, J. C. Charter and D. I. Bosanquet; G. Aitkenhead and J. Thomson; E. W. Stout, R. G. Castleton, C. M. Stark, L. A. Benn; J. Moodie, J. Redman, J. K. Birt and A. L. Thomas.

Whites—J. Moore; T. O. Morgan, M. G. Carruthers, D. G. Day and H. Van Leeuwen; E. Jones, and A. Clemo; R. E. Heaseman, J. S. Dunnett, A. M. Kennedy, E. W. R. Hackett, C. Needham, I. M. Macrae, A. J. G. Taylor and G. B. Godfrey.

Following reserves will be called on to play and are requested to turn out ready for play.

Colours—H. L. Didsbury, R. C. Gairdner, G. G. Davies, R. Leigh, S. Lee and J. Roscoe. Stripes—K. W. Forrow, A. G. Gratton, H. E. Hopkins, D. B. Nelson, C. G. Tressider and P. B. Wilson.



ABBAS AND JONES IN SEMI-FINAL

M. R. Abbas and J. F. Jones entered the Semi-Final of the Open Singles Lawn Bowls championship yesterday when they beat C. C. Pereira and W. J. Howard respectively at the Kowloon Football Club.

Abbas won comfortably and was at no time ever extended but the other game between Jones and Howard was close affair, a two at the 24th head enabling Jones to win.

Following are the detailed scores.

M. R. Abbas			O. C. Pereira		
Head	Shots	Total	Shots	Total	
1	4	4	0	0	
2	1	5	0	0	
3	1	6	0	0	
4	0	6	3	3	
5	2	8	0	3	
6	0	8	1	4	
7	2	10	0	4	
8	2	12	0	4	
9	1	13	0	4	
10	2	15	0	4	
11	0	15	1	5	
12	1	16	0	5	
13	2	18	0	5	
14	0	18	2	7	
15	0	18	1	8	
16	1	19	0	8	
17	0	19	1	9	
18	2	21	0	9	

F. J. Jones			W. J. Howard		
Head	Shots	Total	Shots	Total	
1	1	1	0	0	
2	2	3	0	0	
3	1	4	0	0	
4	1	5	0	0	
5	4	9	0	0	
6	1	10	0	0	
7	0	10	1	1	
8	0	10	1	2	
9	0	10	1	3	
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17	0	13	2	18	
18	0	13	1	17	
19	3	16	0	17	
20	0	16	2	19	
21	0	16	1	20	
22	1	17	0	20	
23	3	20	0	20	
24	2	22	0	20	

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

"Swimming Enthusiast"—It is learned that the matter on which you write is being investigated by the proper authorities and an official statement has been promised for to-morrow.—Sports Ed.

LEN HARVEY WANTS FIGHT WITH FARR

While I am not arguing that there is going to be a terrific boom in the boxing business—how can you have that bang in the middle of a war?—I do fancy we are to have some first-class scraps inside the next couple of months, writes Len Harvey in the "Sunday Express."

There is even talk of a heavy-weight championship affair between Tommy Farr and a certain Len Harvey! Anyhow, I note that Tommy is around to say he is ready to meet me down in Cardiff sometime next September.

Splendid. But why Cardiff? Supposing I can get the necessary Air Force leave to train for a fight with Farr, and that's pretty much up in the air remembering what this old island is facing, the logical spot for the meeting would be London.

The Red Cross, I imagine, would get a better cash return from such a contest in the metropolis. Maybe all boxing Wales would want to see Farr in action, but the thought occurs that quite a slice of pugilistic London would like to see me.

Big Money Certain

Anyhow, I suggest that a Farr-Harvey fight is the one most customers would be ready to pay fair-sized money to see. And I don't believe the big money is in Wales.

Folk here and there have criticised me for wanting around £6,000 to cross gloves with Tommy. They quote figures that operated before the war.

Now, how much would I want to fight Farr? Maybe any one ready to talk business these days would discover that I am prepared to adjust my ideas to present circumstances. I am not wanting the moon, or even a slice of it.

Believe me, I know there is nothing so timid as £6,000 in peace days, let alone when there is a war on. Let's leave it at that.

Northern "Natural"

Moving down the fight weights we find that the "feathers" championship brawl between Nel Tarleton and Tom Smith, the Sunderland boy, is hanging fire.

Smith wants a guarantee from promoter Johnny Best before taking a crack at the title-holder on Anfield football ground. Johnny Best seems to be standing by his offer of 20 per cent. of the takings.

Whatever the outcome of this argument, I feel that Smith will yet be in there with Tarleton. This is a northern "natural"; when it is staged I am ready to see Nel, for all his grand ringcraft, lose to the Sunderland challenger.

Ronnie James is waiting among the light-weights for a chance to meet Eric Boon, the big-hearted, strong-punching champion. Wanting to speed up things generally, the Boxing Board say they will recognise any scrap between these boys as being for the title, always assuming it conforms to championship conditions.

Most of us want to be on hand when Boon climbs into the ring for this title defence. Why? Because he will be meeting an opponent packing a punch that matches his own. It should be a repeat of the Boon-Danahar classic—with a different ending, maybe.

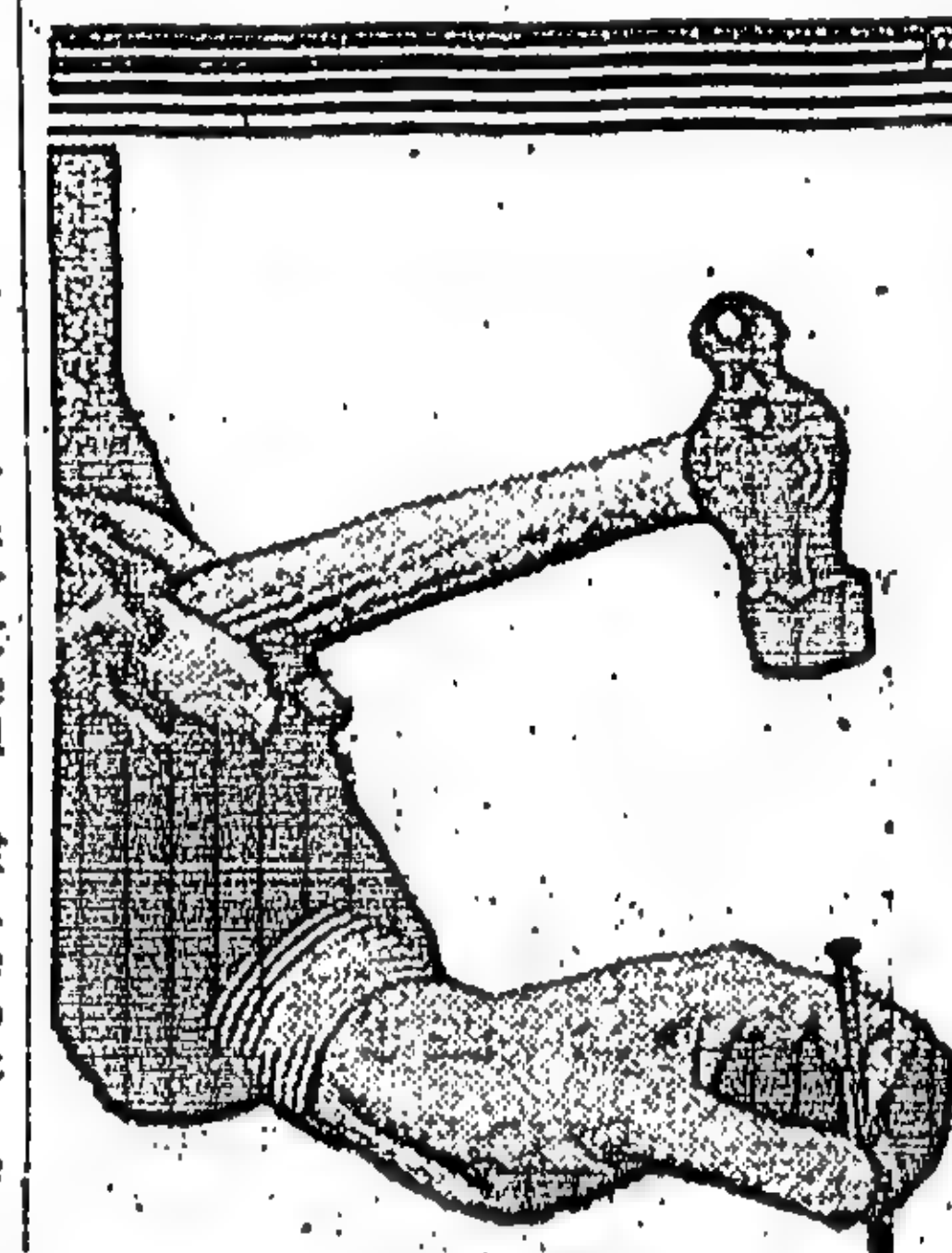
Roderick v. McAvoy?

Just up the scale there is Arthur Danahar clamouring for a chance

to grab the welter crown from Ernie Roderick. If this match materialises and the challenger can turn in the sort of showing he made licking Roderick on points at Earl's Court, then the south should have a new champion.

Yet there could be business for Roderick elsewhere. Isn't Jock McAvoy waiting for a middle-weight opponent with Bert Gilroy temporarily out of action? I think so.

Why not, then, a contest between Jock o' Rochdale and the Liverpool lad? It needs only the Boxing Board's blessing to fill Belle Vue, Anfield, or whatever northern arena you like to name.



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MOSCOW CONTRADICTS BERLIN

The statement that the Soviet Government was informed in advance of the aims and of the number of troops sent to Rumania by Germany does not correspond to the facts, the "Tass" news agency was authorised to state in Moscow yesterday.

NAZI DEATH PENALTIES IN FRANCE

The death penalty has been imposed by the German authorities in occupied France for the "crime" of harbouring British subjects, according to the Paris Radio.

Persons sheltering Britons are given five days to report. Britons within meaning of the decree include residents of the Dominions and Colonies. Another decree of the German

Faced Now With Challenge To Interests

RUSSIA'S WHOLE diplomacy in the past twelve months has been marked by an obvious anxiety to avoid conflict with Germany, says the "Daily Telegraph" in a leader on Russia and the Balkans.

Russia, says the paper, has tolerated a good deal of German high-handedness rather than engage in a dispute, but Germany on the Straits would be a challenge to her interests and security which must surely compel her to think again.

Indeed, she may well be considering whether she was not seriously wrong in the apparent complacent assumption that the Pact with Japan was not as much directed against herself as against the United States.

It is probable that she will be compelled by the march of events to show her hand before long and her attitude is naturally receiving the keen attention of Turkey.

The "Daily Telegraph" concludes by declaring that the long arm of British sea-power and the growing strength of her land and air forces in the Middle East will assure the Axis of a hot reception in any Levantine adventure it may have in contemplation.—Reuter.

Schulenberg Returns

The German Radio announces that Herr Von Schulenberg, Ambassador to Moscow, returned there after several weeks in Berlin.—Reuter.

military administration imposes the death penalty for sheltering fugitive prisoners of war of French or other nationality.—Reuter.

NAVAL ACTION OFF SICILY

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"Our experience at the sinking of the Italian cruiser "Barotomoso Colleoni" on July 19 when our rescuing destroyers were bombed by Italian aircraft made it impossible for our ships to take any further measures for the safety of the survivors.

"It was known, moreover, that an Italian air concentration and one Italian submarine were in the vicinity.

Little Damage

"During these spirited and successful actions, Ajax had only a few casualties and the only damage suffered was superficial, above the waterline and in no way impaired her fighting efficiency.

"These are the actions in which the Italian High Command communique, while admitting the loss of two small and one large destroyer, claimed that a British cruiser probably of the Neptune class had been sunk.

"Afterwards, the British warships were attacked by enemy aircraft for four hours. Despite the Italian High Command communique claim that one British aircraft-carrier and one heavy cruiser were hit, none of the British ships suffered either damage or casualty, while four enemy aircraft were certainly shot down by fighters of the Fleet Air Arm and A. A. fire, besides two others probably destroyed. All the British aircraft returned safely.

"During Sunday night, aircraft of the fleet attacked the port of Lago in the Dodecanese, achieving complete surprise. Barracks, workshops, hangars and petrol dumps were hit and set ablaze. All British aircraft returned safely.

Submarine Successes

"British submarines likewise achieved successes in the Mediterranean. One submarine successfully bombarded military objectives in Port Savona, sank a 5,000-ton armed merchant ship, escorted by E-boats, off Genoa and also sank an armed merchant ship of 3,000 tons in the Vado Roads.

"Another submarine sank an enemy supply ship of about 3,000-tons off Naples and a third submarine sank an enemy supply ship of about 800 tons off Benghazi.

"During the night of Saturday-Sunday, aircraft, co-operated with warships in successfully bombarding enemy troop concentrations at Sidi Barrani," the communique concludes.—Reuter.

New Complement

It was announced a few months ago that H.M.S. Ajax had returned to service with a new complement of officers and men and that in addition to remedying the scars she received in the battle in the south Atlantic, naval constructors had mended such defects of construction as were revealed in action to the advantage of her fighting efficiency.

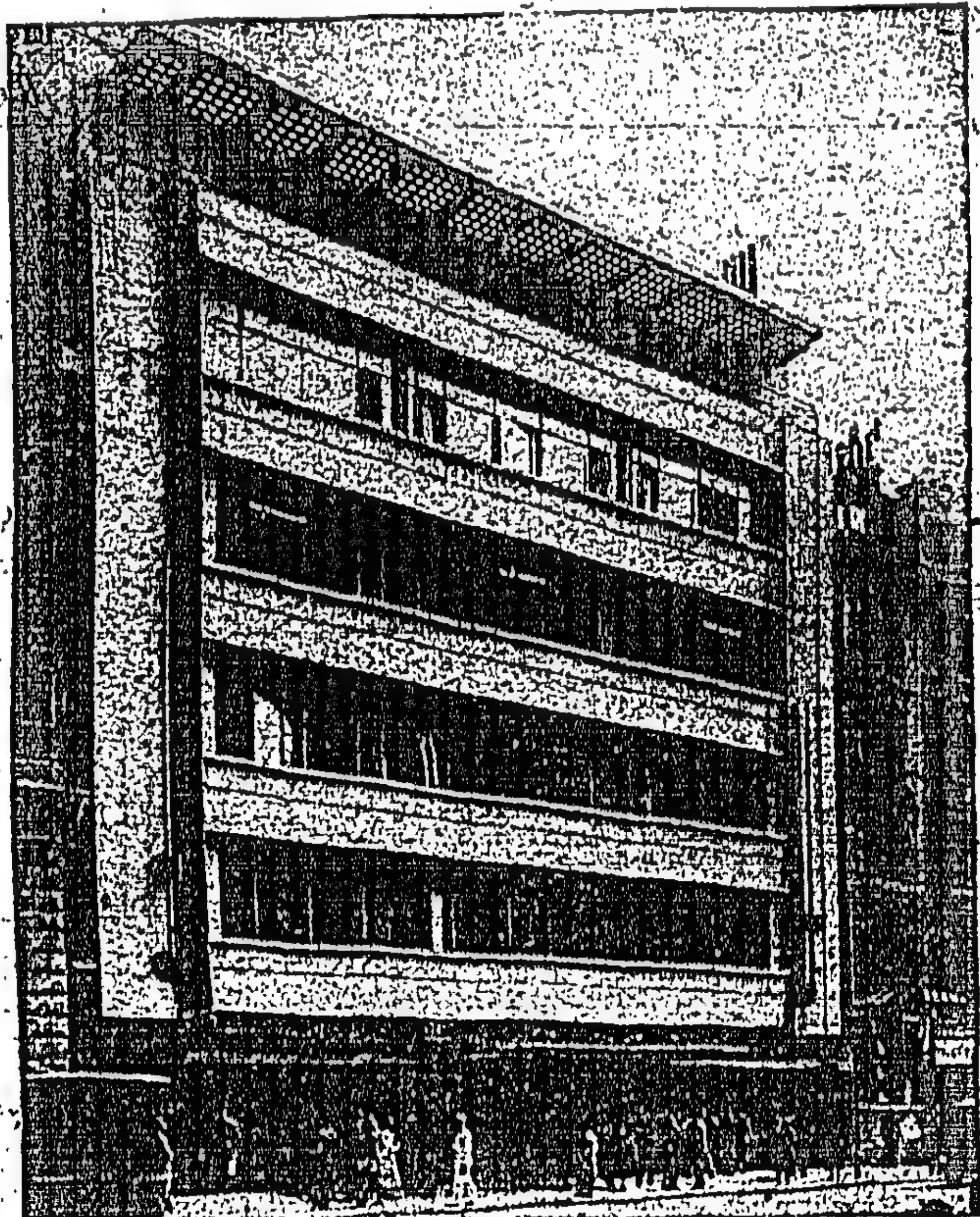
Few of her former officers were with her on her return to service but about half of the men of the lower deck who participated in the battle remained to amass more laurels in the Mediterranean.—Reuter.



General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister, inspecting Polish air squadrons now serving with the R.A.F. (Copyright, Fox).

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ANGLO-CHINESE TALKS

The Chinese Ambassador in London, Mr. Quo Tai-chi called at the Foreign Office last evening.

It is understood that questions arising from the re-opening of the Burma Road were discussed. Mr. Quo Tai-chi first saw Lord Halifax, with whom he had a conversation lasting three-quarters of an hour. Afterwards he had a long talk with Mr. R. A. Butler.

The talks are described as having occurred in a most cordial atmosphere.

It is stated in Chinese quarters in London that among the subjects discussed was the possibility of Anglo-Chinese cooperation, including practical assistance. —Reuter.

SHANGHAI STRIKE

A Shanghai dispatch states that the tramway and bus employees in the French Concession resumed their strike owing to the refusal of Mr. Yu Ya-ching to continue to act as a mediator.

Two other prominent Chinese leaders, Wei Ting-yung and Keng Chia-chi, are now negotiating with the tramway and bus companies for an amicable settlement. —Central News.

ANOTHER V.C. HERO COMES TO LIFE

The War Office in London has notified the parents of Lieutenant (Acting-Captain) Wilson, of the East Surrey Regiment, who was "posthumously" awarded the Victoria Cross for services in Somaliland, that he is a prisoner of war in the hands of the Italians. —Reuter.

ART TREASURES SEIZED

THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC WARFARE CONFIRMS REPORTS THAT OVER 500 PICTURES FROM VICHY WERE SEIZED AT BERMUDA A FEW DAYS AGO WHILE THEY WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK.

The pictures include paintings by Renoir, Cezanne and Picasso, and are probably from a well-known Paris collection.

The question is now being considered as to how best to store them so that they will not be damaged and at the same time be seen by large numbers of people. —Reuter.

H.M.S. Ajax Again Takes Bulk Of The Honours

H.M.S. AJAX, WHICH COVERED ITSELF WITH GLORY IN THE BATTLE OF THE PLATE, TOOK THE LEADING PART IN A FURTHER NAVAL ACTION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, THE FULL STORY OF WHICH WAS RELEASED LAST NIGHT BY THE ADMIRALTY.

H.M.S. Ajax, which is a light cruiser of 7,000-tons, equipped with eight 6-inch guns, sank two Italian destroyers during the action, crippled a third and put the remainder of the Italian forces, including a heavy cruiser, to flight.

Describing the battle, which occurred last Saturday off Sicily, the Admiralty states:—

"During operations in the Eastern and Central Mediterranean, His Majesty's Ajax made contact with three Italian destroyers of the 679-ton 'Airone' class about 80 miles south-east of Sicily.

"Ajax immediately engaged and two Italian destroyers sank outright," states the Admiralty communique, quoting the report from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

"Shortly after this encounter, Ajax sighted an enemy force composed of one heavy cruiser and four destroyers.

"Ajax again engaged and succeeded in crippling one of the enemy's destroyers. The remainder of the force escaped in the darkness.

"Believing Ajax to be in touch with considerable enemy forces, H.M.S. York came up in support, but no further contact was made with the enemy that night.

Big Craft

"With the assistance of aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm, the crippled destroyer was located at dawn in tow of another Italian destroyer which had gallantly come to her assistance.

"Upon the arrival of Ajax, the towing destroyer slipped her tow and made off at fast speed in the direction of Sicily under cover of a smoke screen.

"It was then ascertained that the damaged destroyer was the 1,020-ton 'Artigliere' of the latest class of large Italian destroyers.

"H.M.S. York soon came on the scene and the crew of the 'Artigliere' at once began to abandon ship. Our forces allowed half an hour for the abandoning of the ship and then sank her by gunfire.

Rafts Dropped

"H.M.S. York dropped rafts to supplement the boats of the

FLYING FORTRESS DECISION

"Flying Fortresses" are going to Britain, according to well-informed American quarters in Washington.

Exactly when President Roosevelt will sign the necessary documents turning back these giant bombers to the markets for transfer to Britain is uncertain, but no one doubts it will soon be forthcoming.

One authoritative source told Reuter that it would not surprise him if 30 such "Fortresses" were flown to Botwood Harbour, Newfoundland, this week. —Reuter.

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NO FRESH BRITISH LOAN NECESSARY

No fresh loan by the British Government to China is under consideration at the present time, declared Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, when asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether Government would consider such loan to China under an Exports-Credits Scheme similar to that recently granted China by the American Government.

LORD LOTHIAN FLYING HOME

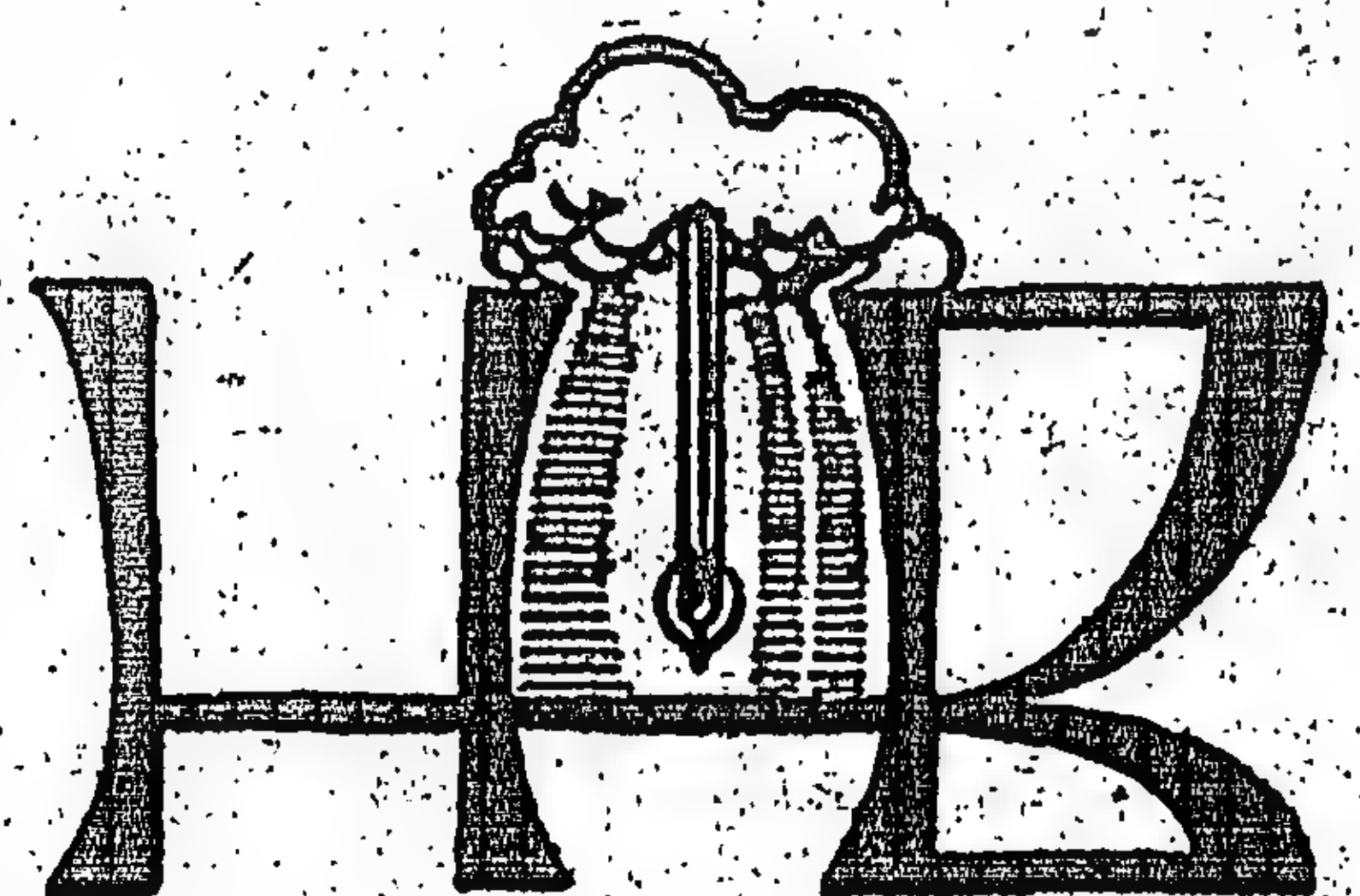
Lord Lothian is flying to London on Government instructions, for consultation, it is said in Washington.

It is not known how long he will stay in London. A spokesman of the British Embassy said that Lord Lothian is going on a routine visit—his first since the outbreak of the war.

Sir Kingsley, however, pointed out that China had already received assistance from Britain under the Exports-Credits Scheme and as the sterling available under this scheme had not been exhausted and only a small part of the export guarantees had been taken up, the question of further sterling assistance did not arise at present. —Reuter.

There was no special significance in the trip and it does not involve any negotiations proceeding or projected with the United States. —Reuter.

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NEW PHASE OF AIR WAR

British And Nazi Losses Approximately Equal

Luftwaffe Concentrates On Night Raids

WHEN A YELLOW-NOSE Messerschmidt 109 was shot down in the Isle of Wight yesterday afternoon, the Nazi pilot stopped a corn merchant's lorry and told the driver in good English to drive him to the nearest military centre. The driver promptly obliged.

The Air Ministry in London stated that in yesterday's activities, nine enemy aircraft were shot down by our fighters up to 4.30 p.m. Ten of our fighters are reported missing.

ANOTHER THOUSAND MILLIONS

According to a White Paper issued yesterday giving supplementary estimates for general navy, army and air services, Parliament will be asked to vote further credit of one thousand million sterling. The last credit of a thousand millions was granted in July. —British Wireless.

SHANGHAI AGITATION

A secret organisation which aims at rendition of the International Settlement and the French Concession is reported to have been formed in Shanghai by the Wang Ching-wei regime.

The organisation, which is named "Vanguard Unit of the Greater East Asia Reconstruction Commission," is said to be under Ku Chi-wu, so-called Minister of Social Affairs.

Anti-British and anti-American handbills were distributed by the organisation early this month. —Central News.



CAN'T SLEEP NIGHTS?

A hot cup of Cocomalt before retiring induces sound and restful sleep.



2APB2

Six enemy raiders are reported to have been destroyed in quick succession in attacks attempted yesterday over the Kent Coast, the Thames Estuary and various places in home counties.

A strong A. A. barrage and Royal Air Force fighters caused formations to break up and retreat back over the coast. A few machines got through to London and some damage was reported, mostly to houses, although some casualties were reported when bombs dropped on a large confectionery factory. —Reuter.

The Night Raid

The night raid on London yesterday opened quieter than recent days, but enemy aircraft arrived in small groups roughly every four minutes.

The A. A. barrage opened up a vigorous fire. —Reuter.

The Communique

The Air Ministry announced in a communique last night: "There have been a number of attacks on this country by enemy aircraft, mostly fighters. In the first attack, at about 9 o'clock, some bombers also crossed the coast and a few penetrated to London. In London, a certain number of bombs have been dropped in the south and east but the damage does not appear to have been heavy.

The number of casualties were few, but some persons were killed. Elsewhere a few bombs have been dropped but no serious damage is reported. — British Wireless.

OFFICIAL DENIAL

A strong, official denial that the Soviet Government had been notified in advance of the sending of German troops into Rumania was issued yesterday by Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

The Danish newspaper "Politiken" (says Tass) has published a report from its Berlin correspondent saying that Soviet Russia was informed in advance that German troops would be sent into Rumania and that the Kremlin was informed of the objects and movements of the German forces.

Tass concludes: "The official Russian news agency is authorised to state that this report does not correspond with the facts." —Reuter.

REFUGEE BOY'S GIFT

Among gifts towards the purchase of aircraft acknowledged by the Minister for Aircraft Production is eight shillings from a German refugee boy aged eleven. —British Wireless.



Thousands of men and women in the East End of London are looking forward to their annual "holiday" in the hop fields. Far from being reluctant to leave their homes for the hop fields this year, the pickers are eagerly looking forward to their task. Some of the gardens are in defence areas, but Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, has stated that he understood no permits would be required by hop pickers to enter those districts. Owners of gardens, have had trenches dug for shelter in case of raids. Photo shows men digging trenches to be used as shelters in case of air raids. (Copyright, Fox).

R.A.F. RAID ON BENGHAZI

THE AIR MINISTRY News Service has made public the details of a series of raids carried out on October 13/14 on Benghazi by bombing aircraft of the R.A.F.

During the first raid, the main railway sidings were attacked with great success and one ship moored at the Mole D'Italia received a direct hit.

MR. KENNEDY GOING TO WASHINGTON

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary for State, stated in Washington yesterday that Mr. Kennedy is leaving London for Washington within 10 days. Mr. Hull added that after consultation as far as he knew Mr. Kennedy will be returning to his post. —Reuter.

EGYPT'S DECISION

EGYPT WAS NOT A COUNTRY OF IMPATIENCE. IT WAS A COUNTRY OF DEMOCRACY. AND HER INTERESTS WERE INTIMATELY BOUND UP WITH THOSE OF GREAT BRITAIN. DECLARED LORD LLOYD, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES, YESTERDAY IN LONDON.

Lord Lloyd added that if the

During another raid, the jetty and wharves were the main objectives. Bombs fell among the buildings on the quay and started fires.

Direct hits were also registered on the main mole and a number of bombs fell on the barracks. The largest ship in harbour was bombed and hit.

A very large fire was started near the seaplane hangar and direct hits were registered by the last raiders on buildings along the water front and a direct hit was scored on a medium-sized ship.

All R.A.F. aircraft returned from their highly successful operation without loss.

Bardia and the encampment at Sofafi, Buq Buq, were raided during the evening of October 13, all bombs falling in the target area, but it was not possible to ascertain the full extent of the damage.

In Eritrea, military objectives at Gura were again subjected to an intense air attack. A direct hit on a large building started a series of explosions. Three hangars were bombed with success and a subsequent low level dive attack resulted in six small and two large buildings being completely burnt out.

Fires were also started on the south side of the main road. —British Wireless.

people of Egypt had their way, there would be no doubt on which side in this war their energies and sympathies would lie.

He said that he was perfectly content to await the decision of the Egyptian people and he was certain that it would be one of enormous help to the cause for which Britain was fighting. —Reuter.

NEW CODE OF DISCIPLINE IN SOVIET

"DISCIPLINE OF THE RED ARMY MUST BE STRONGER, HIGHER AND MORE EXACTING THAN IN OTHER ARMIES WHERE DISCIPLINE IS BASED ON CLASS SUBORDINATION," DECLARES THE NEWSPAPER "RED STAR" IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY, COMMENTING ON MARSHAL TIMOSHENKO'S NEW DISCIPLINARY CODE FOR THE RED ARMY.

The "Red Star" continues: "The tense international situation compels us to be in a state of constant and complete military preparedness.

The code gives officers complete authority to use force in order to restore discipline. Officers who do not show firmness and take necessary measures will be tried by court martial."

The code also provides severe penalties for officers who are held to be inefficient. —Reuter.

ANOTHER BREACH OF FAITH?

In connection with reports that British prisoners of war had been seen at work clearing up debris around Calais, Sir Edward Grigg, Joint Parliamentary Secretary of State War Office, said yesterday that this was contrary to the Geneva convention.

If the reports are confirmed, strong protest will be lodged with the German Government.

Sir Edward Grigg said that we are not using prisoners of war to fill in bomb craters, etc. because even if the enemy breaks the convention, we should not.

He also said that British prisoners of war are being rationed like the German troops, but the scale is lower than in Britain. —Reuter.

TRIBE'S OFFER TO THE KING

In a personal message to His Majesty, the Paramount Chief Abong, of the Turkana Tribe, Kenya, has offered to the King the services of all young men in the Tribe and has asked the Kenya military authorities to make them soldiers.

It may be recalled that the warlike Turkana Tribe has been recently in action with the British troops in patrol work along the Kenya-Abyssinia front west lake. —Reuter.

ACTIVITY ON STOCK EXCHANGE

On the London Stock Exchange yesterday, a sharp rise in gilt edged stock was the chief feature of the day's trading.

War Loans closed 13s. 0d. higher at £102 13s. which is the highest reached in the current year. Industrials and gold minings were quietly steady while home rails tended to strengthen. Japanese bonds improved. The Street was steady. —Reuter.

Mr. Churchill And Britain's War Aims: Says Victory First Little Purpose In Being Specific

MR. WINSTON Churchill's confidence in the outcome of the war and Germany's eventual defeat was again manifested yesterday when he was questioned in the House of Commons on Britain's war aims.

The Prime Minister declared that the time had not yet come when any official declaration could be made beyond very carefully considered general statements which had already appeared.

Asked to indicate that Britain was not fighting a war to maintain the status quo, Mr. Churchill retorted that he did not think anyone had the opinion that Britain was fighting merely in order to survive—a statement which received cheers.

"When," Mr. Churchill added, "our capacity to do that is more generally recognised throughout the world and when the conviction we have about it becomes more general, then we shall be in a good position to take a further view of what we shall do with that victory when it is won."

Great Danger

"I think our great danger is in making statements which are not of a very general character on this subject—take for instance the attitude to be adopted towards the enemy when he is defeated—in that you will find very different opinions prevailing about it." — Reuter.

A Better World

It was urged upon the Premier that an important factor in victory would be the assurance felt throughout the world that Britain stood ready to lead in organising a better world.

He pointed out in reply the great dangers of general statements and voiced his conviction that world opinion was in little doubt about the British cause and wholeheartedly endorsed it.

The question of war aims was subsequently raised on the adjournment, and Mr. Duff-Cooper, replying for the Government, said that while everyone was aware for what Britain was fighting that was a different matter from a formal statement of war aims.

Unanimity Needed

Any statement the government might make must be one which would command the greatest possible unanimity not only among parties in Britain but also in the great Dominions and among those who were our friends and Allies. The war, said Mr. Duff-Cooper, was destroying a great part of the political, social, and economic, as well as the material structure of the world, and it would be a duty after victory was achieved to rebuild a better, saner, more beautiful fabric.

It was a duty even now to be thinking how it could be rebuilt.

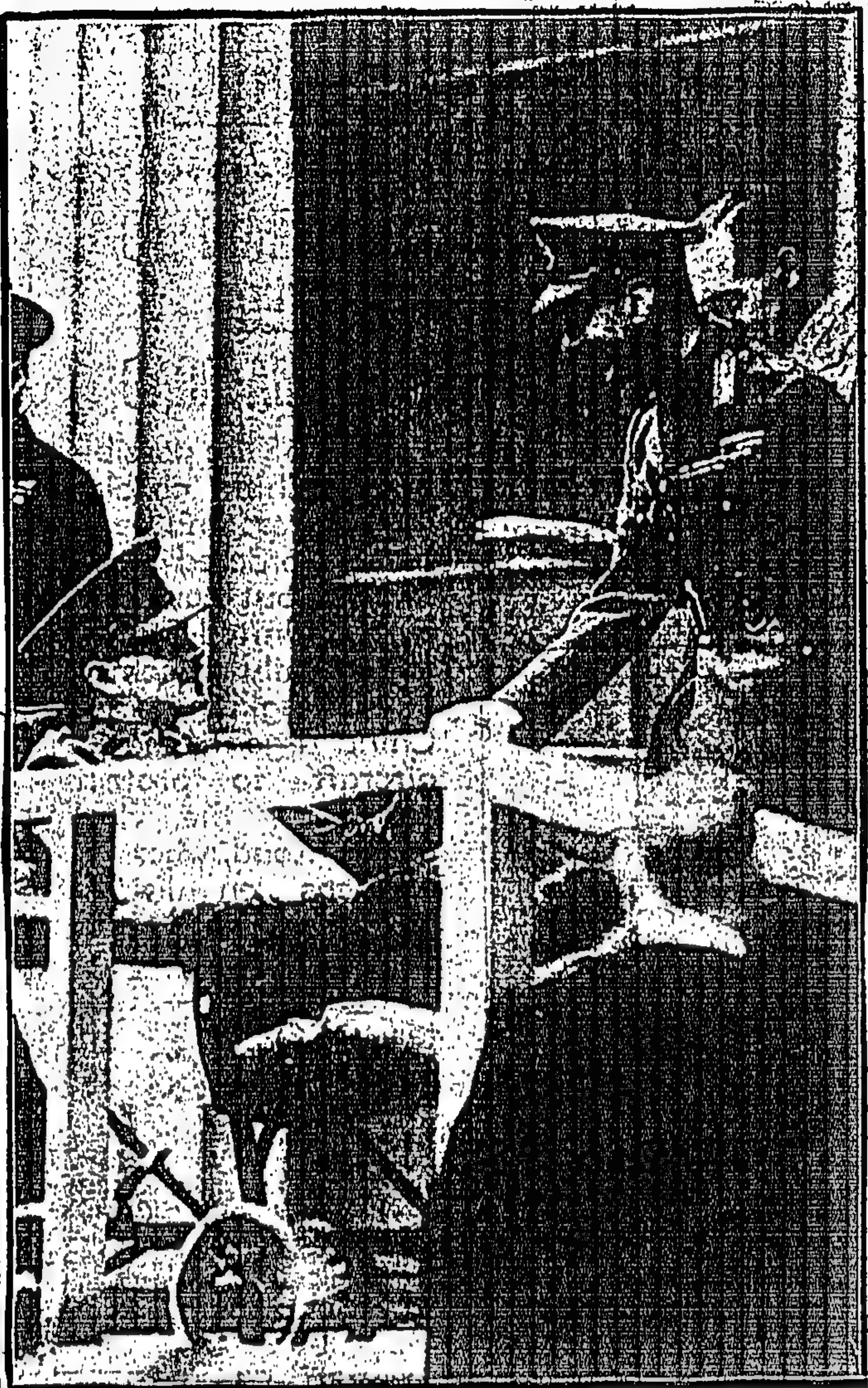
Speaking of political organisation, the Minister pointed to the British Commonwealth of nations as the great exemplar for a combination of nations—British Wireless.

RAIDS ON MIDLANDS

DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, THERE WERE 55 ENEMY AIR RAIDS ON THE MIDLANDS.

Total casualties were: 170 killed, 180 seriously injured and 380 slightly injured.

During the same period, 103 persons were killed in road accidents in part of the Midlands. — Reuter.



War heroes were decorated by H.M. the King at Buckingham Palace recently. Photo shows H.M. the King congratulating Captain Peter Rowell, of the Lincolnshires, seated in his bath chair, after he had presented him with the M.C. (Copyright, Fox).

AMERICAN EVACUATION NOT FOR FREE CHINA

In connection with the preparations by the United States Government to evacuate American nationals from the Far East, it is learned that, hitherto, no instructions have been received regarding the evacuation of American nationals in Free China.

The American Embassy office in Chungking has not been informed of any plan to evacuate Americans in Free China.

There are about 150 American nationals at present residing in Chungking of whom very few have expressed any intention to evacuate. If instructions are received for evacuation.

There is at present no American Consul-General in Chungking. All American nationals in Free China will receive instructions if any, from the American Consulate-General in Kunming. — Reuter.

Ready To Leave Peiping

The first batch of American evacuees, numbering 100, will be leaving Peiping for the United States at the end of the month, according to the news agency in Tokyo. The group consists of the families of the Embassy and the em-

WINSTON'S RESCUER DIES

A man who saved Winston Churchill from the Boer Forces in 1899—and who could thus claim responsibility for Mr. Churchill being Britain's Premier to-day—has died in far-off Ermelo, Transvaal.

He was Mr. John George Howard, and his part in Mr. Churchill's escape was known to only a few people.

In December, 1899, Mr. Churchill, then correspondent of the "Morning Post," was interned for helping wounded British soldiers to escape an ambush. After one abortive attempt, he escaped by sealing the walls of his prison in Pretoria.

In "hobo" fashion, he boarded a train, sleeping peacefully among the coal bags.

Leaving the train at dawn, he hid all day in a wood, quenching his thirst at a stream. When night fell, he continued his trek along the railway.

At last, he saw a glow of light on the horizon. He made for it, hoping to find a friendly Kalif kraal.

Mr. Churchill was even more fortunate, for it was a colliery, managed by Mr. Howard. It was the only place within miles at which he could have found refuge.

Mr. Howard sheltered him for three days in the pits and eventually Britain's future Premier reached safety in the undignified concealment of bales of wood in a freight train.

Approximately another 250 American women and children are making preparations for evacuation. — Reuter.

HITLER SAYS VICTORY IS SAFE—IF

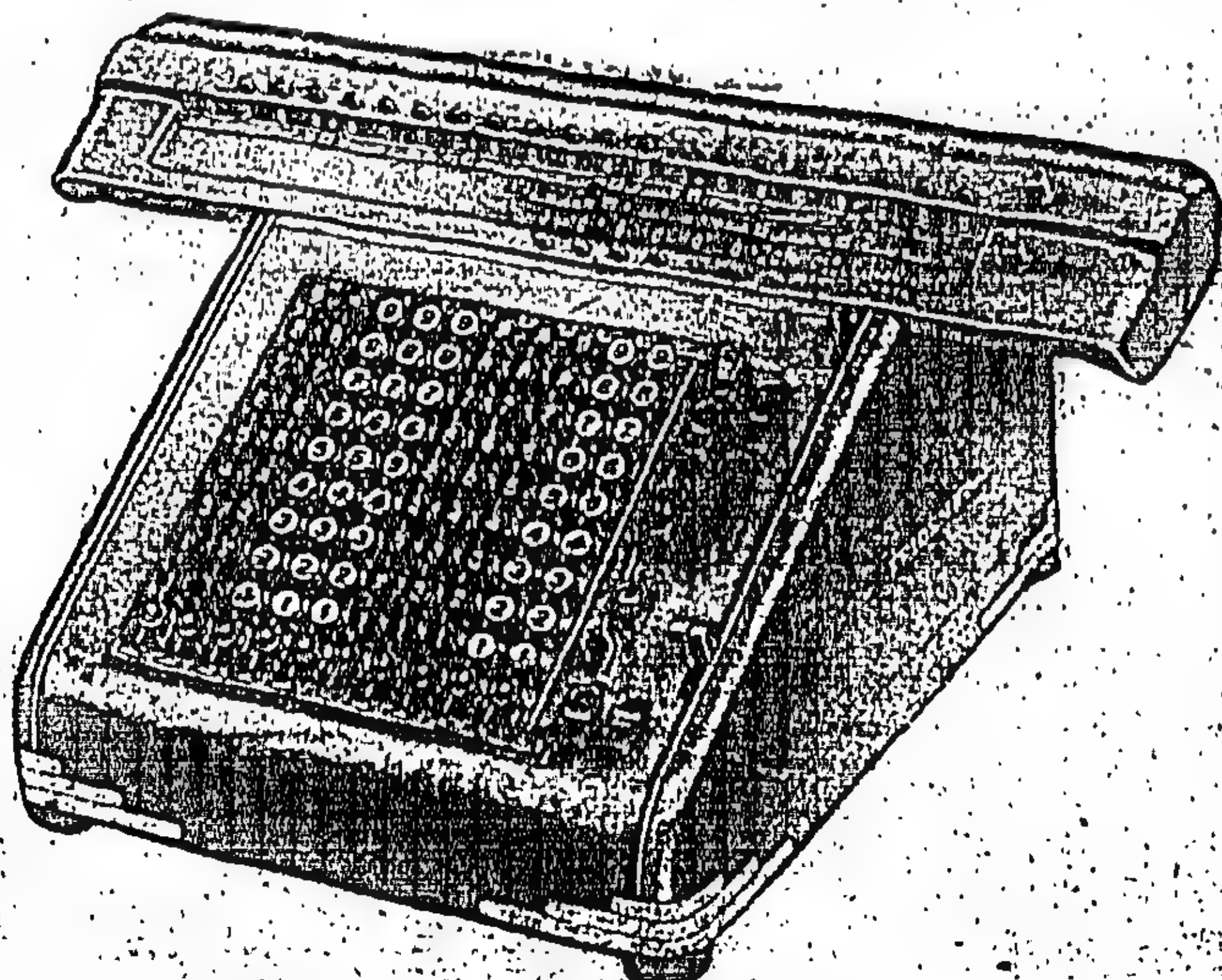
"Absolute confidence in German victory" was expressed by Hitler yesterday in a brief address to the deputation of German farmers whom he received at the Chancellery in Berlin.

"Victory is safe," Hitler added, "if every German does his best at his post—the farmer on his fields, the worker in his factory and the soldier at the front." — Reuter.

Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Mr. R. A. C. North, Sir Shouson Chow, the Attorney-General, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. Eu Tong-sen, and other distinguished personalities.

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CONGRESS CRITICISED: BUT MR. GANDHI'S MILITANCE IS MILD

"BRITAIN IS FIGHTING India's battle in the West as well as in the East where the Mediterranean has become India's first line of defence," declared the Rajah of Khallikote, presiding at the All-India Conference of Non-Congress political leaders in Nagpur yesterday.

The Rajah deplored Gandhi's attempt to launch an anti-war campaign at this critical time and declared that Congress was holding up India's progress.

It was the foremost duty of every Indian who understood the present position of India, he added, to concentrate all efforts on helping Britain to achieve victory. — Reuter.

Gandhi: An Instrument For Peace

"Who knows that I shall not be an instrument for bringing peace, not only between Britain and India but between the warring nations of the world," said the Mahatma Gandhi in Wardha in a statement on his plan of "individual civil disobedience."

Explaining why he was not offering himself for arrest, he said that this would be the last civil disobedience movement he would lead and he must stay out of prison in order to meet any contingency that might arise.

In his statement he said that Congress cannot wish ill to Britain nor can it help her through arms because of its creed of non-violence. "I know India," he said, "is not one-minded. There is part of India that is war-minded and will learn the art of war through helping the British. Congress, therefore, does not desire to surround ammunition factories or barracks, and prevent people from doing what they like." — Reuter.

CZECH H.Q. IN LONDON

A building in Mayfair, until recently a private house, will be the centre from which Czechs all over the world will work for the freedom of their country. To this building, 114, Park Street, W. 1, Dr. Benes, recognised by Britain as President of the Czechoslovak Republic, will travel each day from his home in Putney.

The whole machinery of government is being set up there. The Cabinet met there and the new Parliament, which will carry on the democratic traditions of the Republic, will also meet there.

Parliament will for the present consist of some 40 members, all until now serving on the Czech National Committee. Their first duties will be to work in conjunction with the British authorities to organise the thousands of Czech soldiers and airmen who escaped from France into a new Army and

U.S. MANOEUVRES IN PACIFIC

UNITED STATES FLEET MANOEUVRES ARE BEING CONTINUED IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

These manoeuvres have been held all through the summer and yesterday 30 American warships left Hawaii to take part in further exercises. — Reuter.

EMBASSY RETURN DELAYED

THE REMOVAL OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY AND CONSULATE-GENERAL OFFICES FROM THE SOUTH BANK OF THE YANGTSE, OPPOSITE CHUNGKING, BACK TO THEIR FORMER PREMISES ON "CONSULAR LANE" IN THE CITY PROPER HAS BEEN FURTHER DELAYED.

The Japanese were bombing the "Consular Lane" district on October 6 last and a small bomb exploded near the entrance of the Embassy dug-out, causing further damage to the buildings

AIRCRAFT TO PROTECT BURMA ROAD

News of the possibility of China obtaining fighters and bombers ordered by Sweden but now held by the United States, is generally welcomed in Chungking since China urgently needs aircraft to protect traffic on the vital Burma Road, when it re-opens on Friday (October 18), and also to defend cities in the interior. — Reuter.

which were under repair. The Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clarke-Kerr, and the Consul-General are at present still working in the offices of the British Naval Canteen on the south bank of the Yangtse. — Reuter.

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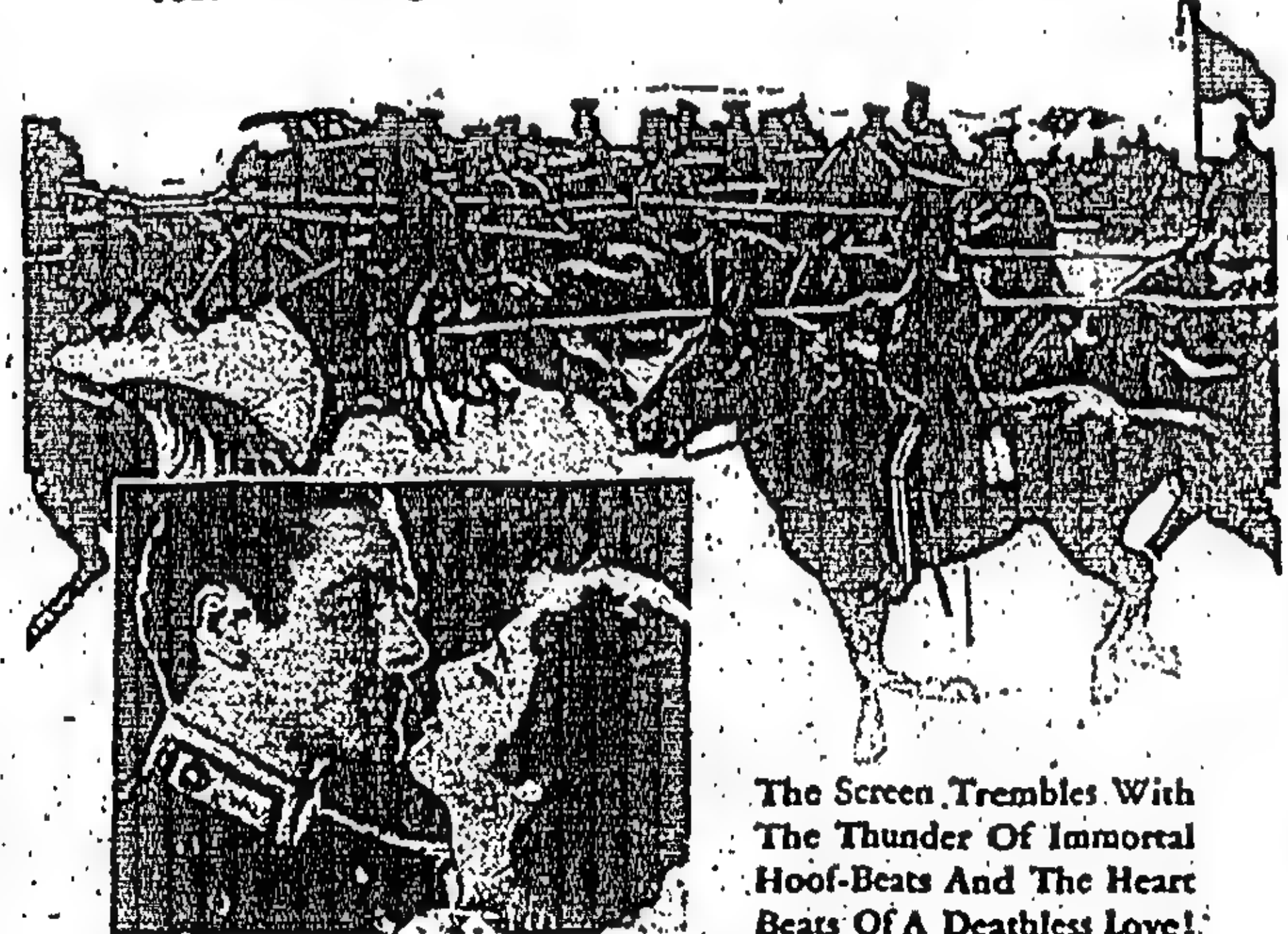
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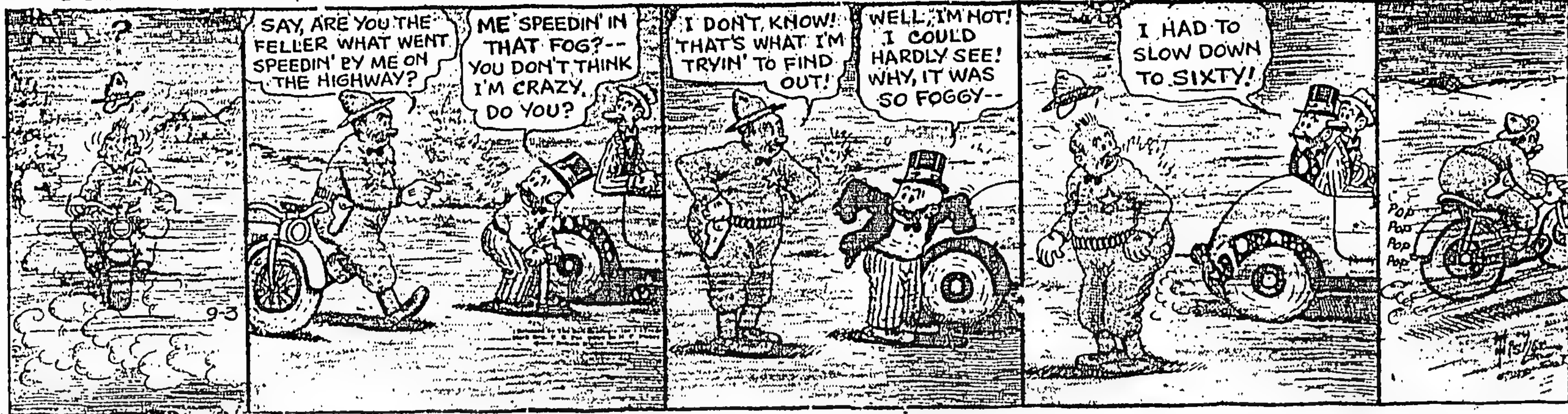
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WAR IS KEEPING US SOBER

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This is the conclusion drawn from investigations carried out by Dr. Harvie Snell, Medical Officer of Liverpool Prison. Dr. Snell's figures show a remarkable drop in the figures for convictions for drunkenness, approximately 50 per cent—during the first four months of the war.

"A definite fall also took place," says Dr. Snell, "in the incidence of attempted suicide." He points out that his statistics, though based on Liverpool, cover individuals drawn from a wide area in the North of England and Wales.

1914 DIFFERENCE
In an attempt to discover the factors contributing to this, Dr. Snell describes them as "both economic and social, as well as more particularly psychological."

He points out that the last war began with an outburst of enthusiasm "far different from the quiet determination and resolute acceptance which has obtained on

HEDGEHOGS WANTED

"Hundreds of hedgehogs wanted immediately by British Government cattle-testing station." This notice appeared recently, but now the explanation is forthcoming.

Since 1927 the Ministry of Agriculture has used a limited number of hedgehogs at their Pirbright Research Station for experiments in foot and mouth disease.

Then one of the local suppliers, finding himself short of hedgehogs, inserted a modest advertisement in a local paper. This was taken up by a newspaper man who launched a large-scale appeal in an effort to help his country in its need for hedgehogs, and the result has been—to say the least—embarrassing.

A deluge of hedgehogs descended from every corner of Britain, and S.O.S. messages were received from Post Office workers about hedgehogs that had lost their way and badly labelled hedgehogs.

The Ministry appreciates the zeal displayed in the national cause, but has done its best to make quite clear that they now have more than sufficient hedgehogs.

the present occasion. "We now indulge less in spectacular exhibitions of patriotism," he says. He believes, too, that a "more developed organisation and regimentation does not throw the same strain on the unstable and psychoneurotic individual that the wholly voluntary mode of life entails."

CALL TO BRITISH JEWRY

British Jewry is determined to wrest from the hands of the Fascists their favourite weapon of anti-semitism.

Realising that anti-semitic propaganda relies for its strength on being able to point the finger at individual cases of an unsavoury nature in which Jews are involved, Jews themselves are setting to work to eliminate so far as possible the eventuality of such cases.

All communities have their black sheep, but to combat prejudice Jewry is attempting a 100 per cent weeding out process.

This is being combined with a clarion call to all its members to throw their whole weight into the nation's fight for liberty.

This is the basis for a campaign, which has been launched among the Jewish communities in London, and will later be extended to other parts of the country.

"Good citizenship" is the keynote of the scheme, which has already met with remarkable support and response from individuals and industries where Jewish employers and employees predominate.

Full recognition of Trade Unions and Trade Union conditions by all Jewish employers and employees, equitable conditions for tenants and adequate attention to property by all Jewish landlords and abolition of price-cutting are among the aims of the campaign which designs to remove any possible excuse for anti-semitic propaganda.

ARMY CONTROL EIRE PORTS

The ports of Dublin, Kingstown and Cork have been placed under military control by the Eire Minister for Defence, Mr. Oscar Traynor. Military officers have been appointed.

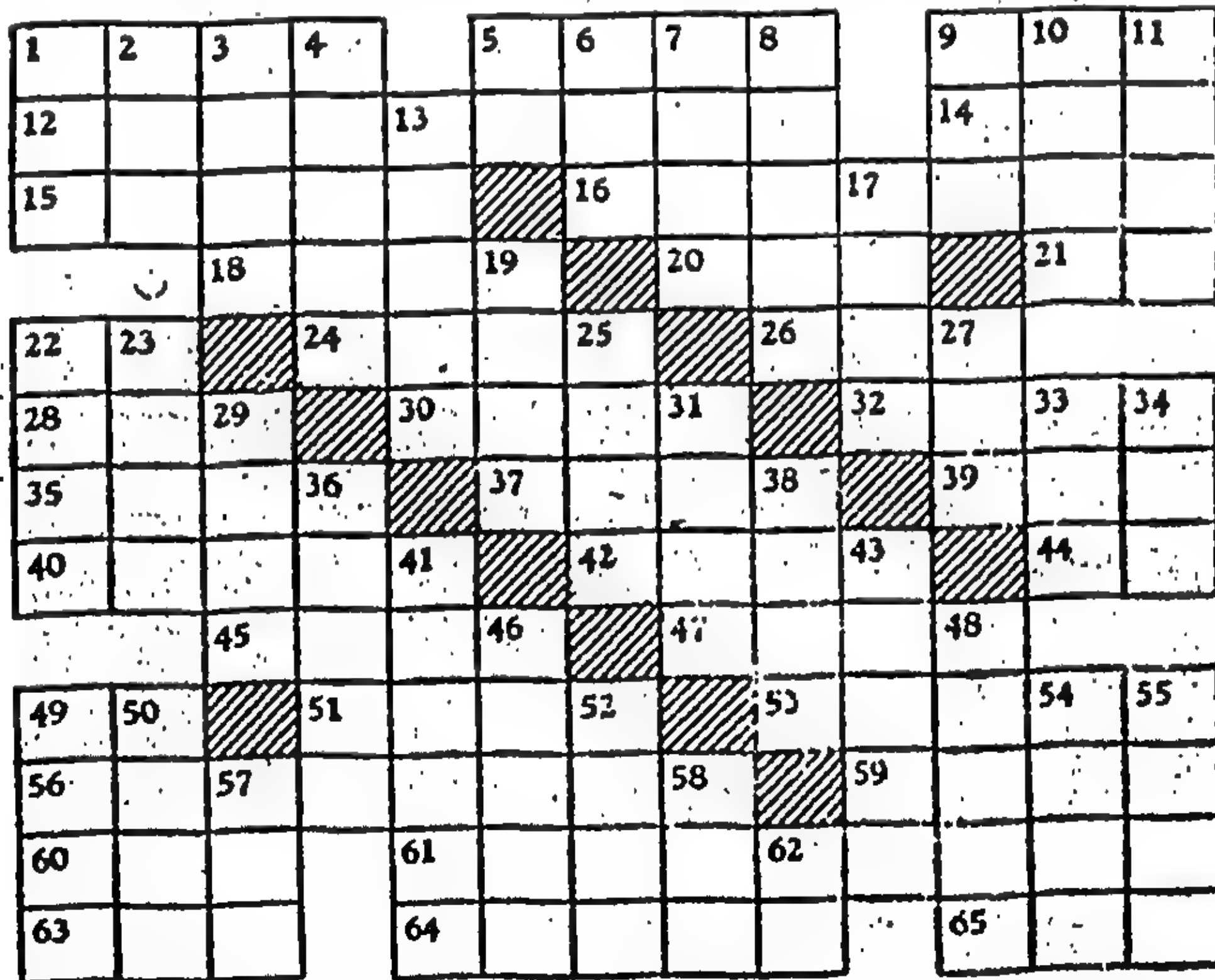
In his order the Minister directs that harbour masters and their staffs at these ports must act under the direction of the military authorities in certain matters.

Shipping agents and shipowners will be required to communicate to the authorities all information of expectant arrival of ships, their nationality, ports of call and so on, and pilots must ensure that ships entering comply with the directions of the authorities.

The regulations cover the searching of all ships and dock warehouses and the examination of any article carried in the ships or stored in the warehouses.

Merchant vessels approaching controlled ports must heave to at once when hailed or warned by a State ship or warned by the firing of a gun, sound rocket or Very light.

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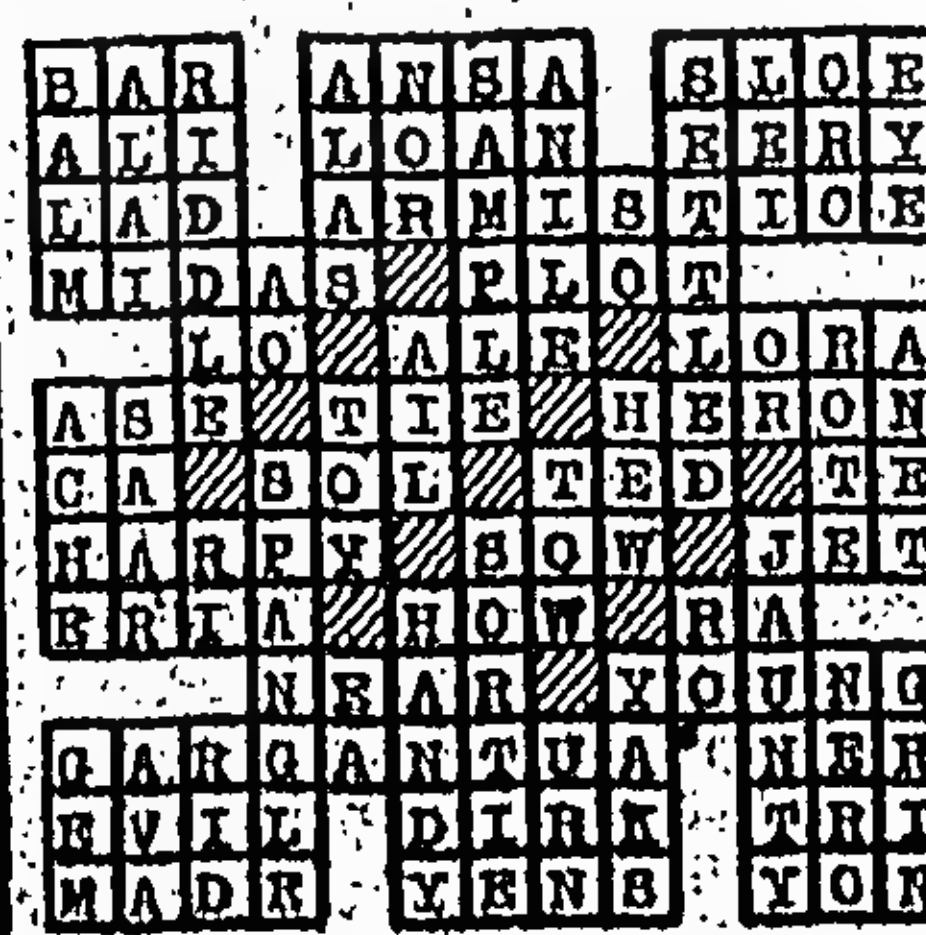
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1 Winged
5 Part of a church
9 Entirely
12 Essential requisite
14 Fish eggs
15 Vision
16 To annoy
18 Bermudan barracuda
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22 Sloth
24 Spoken
26 Music: as written
28 Pronoun
30 Female ruffs
32 At any time
35 Act
37 Soaks
38 Period of time
40 Plume
42 Wre
44 Measures
46 Frequent
47 Rodents
49 European fish
51 Regulation
53 East-Indian vine

58 Christian
59 Solo
60 Ancient tribal tax
61 At no time hereafter
63 Philippine ward
64 Characteristic method
65 Sty

VERTICAL
1 Conjunction
2 Gaelic sea-god
3 High cards
4 Harvests
5 Since
6 Cavity
7 To cease
8 Old English courts

9 Part of "to be"
10 Sole
11 Latvian
13 Smudge
17 Ship's officer
19 Row
22 Opera by Verdi
23 Roman highway
25 To consider
27 Greeting
29 Observed
31 To mix
33 Silkworm
34 Sprinted
36 Large Oriental tambourine
38 Thick slice
41 Rejects
43 Vapour
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NEW PROBLEMS FOR PILOTS

"THE HIGHER THE SAFER" is an old flying maxim to which added point is lent in wartime when the attainment of great height may often prove an aircraft's best means of evading unwelcome attention from the ground defences while flying above enemy territory. But the great heights attainable by modern aircraft bring their own problems in flying and fighting.

Heights of three and four miles above the earth are frequently reached by bomber aircraft of the Royal Air Force in the course of their flights into the heart of Germany, while even the five mile mark does not represent the "ceiling" to which the latest types of R.A.F. fighter craft can attain in search of the enemy.

At such immense heights, when the earth below shrinks to the proportions of a relief map and islands resemble rocks awash in the tide, the airman flies in a strange new world of space. In this lonely arena conditions for both man and machine are far different from those prevailing at lower levels and must be met by precautions as essential to the preservation of life as those of a diver preparing to descend into the ocean depths.

The extreme cold and the rarified air of high altitudes are the two greatest dangers from the physical standpoint. On night flights over Germany during recent weeks bomber crews, flying high, have reported temperatures as low as 54 degrees (Fahrenheit) of frost and the formation of layers of ice on the cockpit floor inside the aircraft.

On another occasion the air gunner of a twin-engined bomber, flying at 20,000 feet over a German naval base, momentarily removed his gloves to manipulate his wireless key. He was so severely frost-bitten that it became necessary later to amputate the top joints of all four fingers of one hand.

For protection against such intense cold the airman relies solely upon warm clothing: fur-lined boots reaching above the knee, fur-lined overalls, a close-fitting helmet and a pair of heavy gloves, usually worn over a thin silk pair to serve as insulation against the cold.

Electrically-heated flying-clothes, in which heating elements were sewn into the lining of a lightweight suit and connected by a length of flex to the aircraft's electrical system, are no longer generally employed in the Royal Air Force. In the event of the failure of the electrical supply at high altitudes, the entire crew would immediately be deprived of their sole protection against the cold.

Not all R.A.F. aircraft are fitted with cabin-heating equipment and though the single engined aircraft pilot derives a certain amount of heat from the power-plant immediately in front of him, the crew of the multi-motored bomber, whose engines are mounted out on the wings some distance from the fuselage, have no such comfort.

Must Breathe

As height increases air pressure becomes less dense and the atmosphere progressively more rarified. The effect of this diminution in the oxygen content of the air is felt at different heights according to the physique of the individual. Some pilots experience no discomfort up to heights as great as 15,000 feet but the majority begin to suffer from the want of oxygen—evidenced by shortage of breath and a growing feeling of lassitude—soon after passing the 10,000 feet mark.

To guard against risk of premature collapse it is the usual practice in the Royal Air Force for oxygen inhalation to begin at 10,000 feet, the rate of supply then being steadily increased as the aircraft gains height. In a bomber aircraft the oxygen supply is stored in metal bottles which are stowed in a central position in the aircraft. Tubes from these bottles lead to points, one in each of the crew positions, and each point is provided with a valve and meter for regulating and recording the rate of supply. A second dial, close by, registers the pressure in the main supply and, when the oxygen is being used, affords an indication of the amount of gas remaining.

In his flying helmet, each member of the crew wears an oxygen breathing mask covering nose and mouth, and from this mask is

suspended a length of flexible tubing. On taking up his position in the aircraft the airman plugs his mask-tube into the oxygen point close by and is thus directly connected to the source of supply. The length of the tubing allows freedom of movement and, in the case of the air gunner, permits him to stand up and manipulate his gun while still attached to his oxygen point.

Just before the aircraft leaves the ground the taps of all the oxygen bottles are turned full on and when the 10,000 feet mark has been reached the crew who, meanwhile, have been breathing through the air holes in their masks, open their individual control valves sufficiently to allow the constant emission of a slight quantity of the gas.

With each 1,000 feet increase in height the valve opening is slightly increased and the rate of supply quickened until, when the aircraft has reached its "ceiling," the oxygen is being delivered through the masks at maximum pressure. Provided this procedure is rigidly adhered to and the supply rate steadily increased as height is gained a normal crew will experience no ill-effects and little discomfort at heights as great as four and five miles above the earth.

Above 35,000 feet however, the low pressure of the atmosphere makes breathing, even with the aid of an oxygen-mask, impossible and it then becomes necessary to encase the airman in an airtight "pressure" suit resembling a diver's outfit, inside which a predetermined pressure, sufficient to permit of the inhalation of oxygen, can be maintained.

An Attitude Adventure

Military aircraft, however, seldom attain heights greater than about 30,000 feet. At these great altitudes the airman's life may depend upon the efficient functioning of his oxygen supply.

Not every man can count upon being as fortunate as the pilot of a Spitfire fighter who recently fainted at a great height owing to a failure in his oxygen system and recovered consciousness some moments later to find his aircraft plunging earthwards under full engine in an almost vertical dive. Instinctively, and before he had fully regained his senses, he eased back the control column and such was the accumulated velocity of his dive that, next instant, he found himself climbing nearly vertically at some 400 miles an hour.

A failure of the oxygen supply at heights below 20,000 feet, or the temporary disconnecting of the mask while the wearer alters his position in the aircraft, will not necessarily result in an immediate loss of consciousness, though there will be discomfort, varying in direct proportion to the height at which the cutting-off of the supply occurs.

The greatest danger for the airman lies in the slowing-up of the thought processes and reactions which lack of oxygen induces in the human mind. Concentration becomes difficult and in the feeling of lassitude which quickly overtakes the oxygen-starved airman even such simple actions as wiping his nose or picking up a fallen map become tasks too intolerably burdensome to be attempted.

He will lapse into a fainting condition until either oxygen is administered or the aircraft descends to a lower level where normal breathing is possible.

Hard Air To Fly In

Apart from the physiological considerations, high altitude flying also introduces special problems relating to the aircraft itself. The super-charged aero-engine has



Jean Arthur, starring in "Too Many Husbands," which opens at the King's to-day.

now satisfactorily overcome the difficulty of compressing a combustible mixture at a low outside pressure, a problem which previously limited aeroplanes to a maximum height of about 15,000 feet. But the thin air of great heights still takes its toll of an aircraft's performance by reducing its rate of climb and rendering it far less manoeuvrable than at lower levels.

At heights above 20,000 feet, for example, the attenuated atmosphere provides so little "lift" for the aeroplane's wings that, combined with the lower output of the engines, the rate of climb may fall to about one-tenth of the aircraft's ground level ability. In other words, an aircraft which can climb from ground level to 3,000 feet in 2 minutes may well take 20 minutes to climb from 25,000 feet to 28,000.

High altitude flying also calls for exceptionally careful handling of the aircraft, for though the thin air offers the minimum of resistance to the aircraft's passage and so permits of the attainment of higher speeds, its buoyancy is far less than at lower levels. Even to maintain level flight it becomes necessary to keep the aircraft in a slightly tail-down attitude so that the wings are presented to the airstream at their angle of maximum lift.

A steep turn in that thin air would be impossible and to attempt it would result only in an immediate loss of height as the aircraft, suddenly robbed of much of its lift by the altered angle of the wings, slipped sideways on one wingtip.

The thinness of the air necessitates, too, a much coarser use of the controls than is required at lower levels to achieve the same alteration in the direction or altitude. For the same reason the speed at which the aircraft stalls, or loses flying speed, is so much greater at heights, that an aeroplane which, at ground level, loses flying speed at 60 m.p.h. will, when flying at 20,000 feet, be completely stalled at 80 m.p.h.

High Fighting Technique

It follows that the tactics of a fighter pilot engaged in combat miles above the earth and near the limit of his ceiling must necessarily differ from those which he would employ in action at a lower level. The margin of height which will give him the tactical advantage over his opponent can be contrived only by the most skilful handling of the controls and, having once secured it, he must guard against the ill judged turn which may send him plunging hundreds of feet and put him at the mercy of his adversary.

To the bomb-aimer, also, high altitude flying presents its own special difficulties. Precision bombing can be carried out from heights as great as 20,000 feet but some indication of the skill with which the sighting must be done is afforded by the fact that at this height, from an aircraft travelling at 200 m.p.h., the bomb has to be released approximately 2½ miles in advance of the target.

During the sighting run, which may occupy rather less than a minute in a modern bomber, it is essential that the pilot maintains as straight and level a course as possible a condition of which the enemy's anti-aircraft gunners are well aware and of which they will certainly take full advantage.

In such a situation, the bomb-aimer, a grotesquely-muffled figure lying prostrate on the cockpit floor, sustained by the life-giving oxygen spraying from his face-mask, has his eyes fixed to the bomb sight, can only strive to ignore the bursting smoke-puffs of the shells around him and find what comfort he can in that maxim of "the higher the safer."

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WINDSOR HOUSE

FOOD AND WASTE

Wasting food is to-day in England a punishable offence. In not a few elderly bosoms the shock of the news must have caused what the psycho-analysts call a reversion to the infantile. They are back at the nursery table. Long-dead voices speak long-unheard but never forgotten words. "Master Osbert, if you don't eat all that fat before I count ten, you'll go in the corner."

"Miss Millicent, you know the rule—no cabbage, no pudding!" And then, inevitably: "Willful waste brings woeful want," and, "Many a poor child would be glad of the good food you're turning your nose up at"; and the submissive children of those days of discipline were sorely tempted for the moment to hate what was usually one of their favourite stories—Miss Edgeworth's "Waste Not, Want Not, or, Two Strings to your Bow," in which, by a miracle of skill, saving Ben, not wasteful Hal, becomes the child-reader's hero as well as the author's. Under the new Order the penalties are, on summary conviction, this and that of fine and imprisonment, on indictment this and that much more. In the nursery conviction was always summary; the penalties, by imprisonment in the corner or by fine of pudding or jam or sugar, were tyrannously heavy, and there was a permanent "Boothby snooter," an accuser who was also, like Alice's Fury, judge, jury, and all. And miserable infancy, its gorge rising both at the thing on its plate and at the cruel disregard of its natural feelings and human rights, was all the unhappier, without knowing why, because there had been no attempt to define the meaning of words.

The new Order at least has a hot at defining food; it is "everything used by man for food or drink, other than water." It says also with enough clearness for practical purposes what it means by waste. The public and the Government will have little difficulty in adjusting any differences of opinion that may be disclosed in practice. In the nursery opinions on the matter were opposed and irreconcilable. Food food, according to authority, was whatever happened to be sent up; and there were sure to be days in the week when extraneous assistance was absolutely necessary to make the company truly thankful for what it was going to receive. The company was resolute that mutton, fat, cabbage, and tapioca were not good food, were not even food in any condition; and, since authority never troubled to alleviate trouble by explaining, for instance, that mutton fat was not really so bad if eaten at once before it got cold and revolting, there was no chance of agreement between the parties. The meaning of waste was left equally in contention. To childhood nothing could be more obvious than that it was wicked waste to cram cold mutton fat down a gullet shuddering in horror at it when there was a dog in the room which would wolf it down with rapture; and cats, had a strange liking for limy tapioca, even when lukewarm. But authority dully insisted that anything on a child's plate not eaten by that particular child was wasted, although the very finest of all the cakes or sweet biscuits at tea, had to be left for "Mr. Manners."

It is to be hoped that the new order will not land the Ministry of Health and the public in similar conflict; but it would interest others, besides psychoanalysts to learn which will obey the more loyally—the oldsters with their infantile revulsion against any such ruling, or the youngsters who were allowed to do whatever they liked, and have never been put in the corner for eating what they did not like.

Britain "Goes To It" As A True Democracy

Mr. Herbert Morrison, speaking for the new National Government, has told Britain to "go to it." Britain has "gone to it" in step.

There is nothing of the fine phrase or formal facade about the new National Unity. It is a fact, as never before. The people march shoulder to shoulder.

National Governments in the past have rarely, if ever, had total agreement. There was an independent Liberal Opposition to Mr. Lloyd George's Government in the last war and a vigorous Labour Opposition to the MacDonald-Baldwin National Coalition formed to fight the economic consequences of the slump nine years ago.

But to Mr. Churchill's new Government there is no Opposition in Parliament, save Mr. Maxton's tiny party of three I.L.P.'ers, and a single Communist.

In the country, one may be certain there is even less dissidence than that.

Labour has not only come in; it holds such vitally important Ministries as those of Labour and Supply. On the industrial side Trade Unionism cooperates for victory to the full.

Coats Off, Limits Off

Restrictions, like coats, are off. Night and day the "go to it" slogan has universal support.

Now this unity cannot be sustained on enthusiasm and battle-cries alone. It demands similarity of sacrifice as well as of energy. A war for democracy must involve equality of effort and equality of suffering. The new British Prime Minister, when he took office and invited support, offered his followers nothing but blood and sweat and tears.

They accepted the challenge gladly. Everyone agreed that such a prospect was bitter but bitter things are less sour when shared.

The Government will continue to command the general support and enthusiasm because it is really levelling things out, with no cant or nonsense about it. Its first

measure was to take supreme power over wealth and labour, and the nation welcomed this enormous assumption of rights because it believed that it made for equity as well as despatch in the conduct of the war.

Real Equality Now

Let us see how the new equality is being achieved. In the last war, admittedly, there was much profiteering and many social distinctions, which active warfare should and often does abolish on the field; were increased at home by the emergence of a new plutocracy.

But it cannot happen again. The Excess Profits Duty has been slapped on immediately and not after long delays. It affects every industry and trade. It stands, al-

By
Ivor Brown

ready at the top limit of 100 per cent. Elaborate safeguards are being built up against evasion. It will be enormously difficult for any firm or factory to "do well out of the war."

What of the individual? In the last war Income Tax never rose above 6s. Already it is 7s. 6d. and will go higher. As for Sur-Tax, that now begins at £1,500 a year and rises sharply from 1s. on the incomes just above that level to 9s. 6d. on the topmost heights of the big fortunes. That with the basic 7s. 6d. makes 17s. in the pound!

Equality is coming in many ways. Compulsory military service levels both the obligation and the nature of the service.

A duke's son cannot reckon, as he could of old, to become an officer at once—or ever at all.

All must spend two months (at least) in training as a private, be-

To the Conscience Of The World

To the conscience of the world, an appeal has been addressed by forty-five leading English writers, among whom are H. G. Wells, J. B. Priestley, Walter de la Mare, Robert Lynd and Hugh Walpole. The appeal says:

"At this moment, when the future of our nation alone but that of all nations is being decided, we, the undersigned English writers, ask to be heard by the writers of other countries.

"Our country has been blamed in the past for actions most manifestly taken because we hoped by them to avert war. We failed. We failed to check the deliberate and carefully prepared violence which has invaded and killed in one country after another—Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France. Where the invading armies of Germany have gone, unarmed men and women and children have been mercilessly killed and freedom of mind and spirit has been crushed out.

"It is not life which is threatened. It is freedom of conscience and if that is lost, as it is, lost wherever the Nazi power extends, life itself is not worth a breath. We ask all those who have still the liberty to speak and to think,

to consider what this means. We ask you to make it clear to the people of your country that we with our allies are not fighting only for ourselves, but for the belief we share with every man of every race and religion who holds that men should respect each other and minds should be free. We are fighting for our own lives. We are fighting in the hope of ending this war before more children—innocent if any one is—have been slaughtered in their homes and as they flee from their homes. But in as much as we are fighting for the consciences of our children, we are fighting for the people of every nation without exception. We ask you to know this.

We ask you, with the confidence that you will judge us fairly, to support us as best you can in a struggle which is not ended yet. We do not expect defeat. We expect danger, and we are able to face it.

We expect your belief in us. And we pledge ourselves on our part to remember that a last peace can be based only on justice. We do not desire and we will set our faces against revenge. We appeal to each one of you individually to pass our words on, by every means, to the nations of the world."—(Associated Press).

fore there can be any change of rank.

Profits Down: Wages Up

Profits are being stringently restricted while wages of sections of workers who have been relatively badly off in the past have been increased. The farm labourers have had increases of about 33 per cent. in recent weeks. The labourer that was earning 36s., or even less, at the outbreak of war will now draw 48s. or more.

Railway workers have just been stepped up another three shillings.

Now, if there were inflation and prices were rising giddily all the time, as they did in the last war, such gains would be illusory.

But there has been no inflation, and prices have been efficiently kept in hand by Government controls. During the last war the Government borrowed at 5 per cent.; now it is borrowing at 3 or even less. Considering that the basic rate of income tax is seven-and-sixpence, this gives the renter less than 2 per cent. net on his loan. No great booty there!

Of course, prices cannot be kept at pre-war levels, but they can be, and are being kept to a minim-

um. This often involves Government subsidy, but that is a form of equalisation. What happens is that the taxpayer has to assist the poorer purchaser by contributing a ha'penny or so to the price of the loaf. The price of bread has not been allowed to rise at all since the war began.

A visitor returning to London to-day after a year of absence and remembering the discreditable distinctions between rich and poor would find much to note in the spectacle of the West End.

Taxation and the ending of leisured luxury have brought their changes to Mayfair. Great town houses have been closed in many a famous street and square.

Many country mansions, no longer supportable by men once rich, have been turned into schools, hospitals, offices of evacuated firms and Government departments and homes for refugees.

The "blood and sweat and tears" are being shared. Never in hundreds of years has Great Britain been so equalitarian as now. While the war-effort is, as they say, on the "up and up," the rewards and sacrifices are increasingly "on the level."

How America Would Suffer

Mr. Otto D. Tolischus, writing in the "New York Times" on the economic results in America if Great Britain was defeated, says:—

"The result would be a complete change in the political and economic control of Europe and Africa, much of Asia and Oceania and presumably Australia.

"The economic consequences to America of such an upheaval are obvious. It would put America's entire foreign trade, not only with Europe but also with the rest of the world, completely under the control of Germany, and her allies.

"That trade, it may be argued, amounts to less than 10 per cent. of America's total production; but under America's methods of production that 10 per cent. often determines profit or loss. True, America produces many things which even a totalitarian world would still need. But the things that world would need would be American raw materials, such as oil and cotton.

"In markets for finished goods employing profitable labour America would find the competition of a consolidated Europe, behind whose salesmen stood the military might of Germany.

"What that means already is amply illustrated in the case of Rumania and other Balkan States. Moreover, whatever foreign trade remains to the United States would have to be conducted on terms dictated by Germany, which repudiates free private multilateral world trade conducted on a gold standard and substitutes for it a government-controlled bilateral barter trade based on an equal exchange of goods between two countries and paid for in labour currency.

"In practice this means, that Germany buys from each country only as much as she sells to it, and measures the value of goods so exchanged not in terms of gold but in terms of hours of labour. But the value of hours of labour in each country is determined through the mechanism of a managed fiat currency; the exchange value is adjusted arbitrarily by

agreement between governments, whose relative position, in turn, is determined by their relative might.

"Germany as the mightiest country in the world could herself determine how much foreign goods her first markets would buy and how much German goods the currencies of other countries should buy in return. Germany could determine employment and living standards in countries that must trade with her.

"For America the more or less world-wide adoption of this system would entail a further development of still immeasurable consequences—namely, demonetization of gold. With such a development the 19,000,000,000 dollars gold hoard in Kentucky would be reduced to trinket value. In such a case it might be doubted whether America's foreign investments would be worth the paper they are written on. Difficulties of America's financial imperialism already are the subject of mocking comment in the German Press.

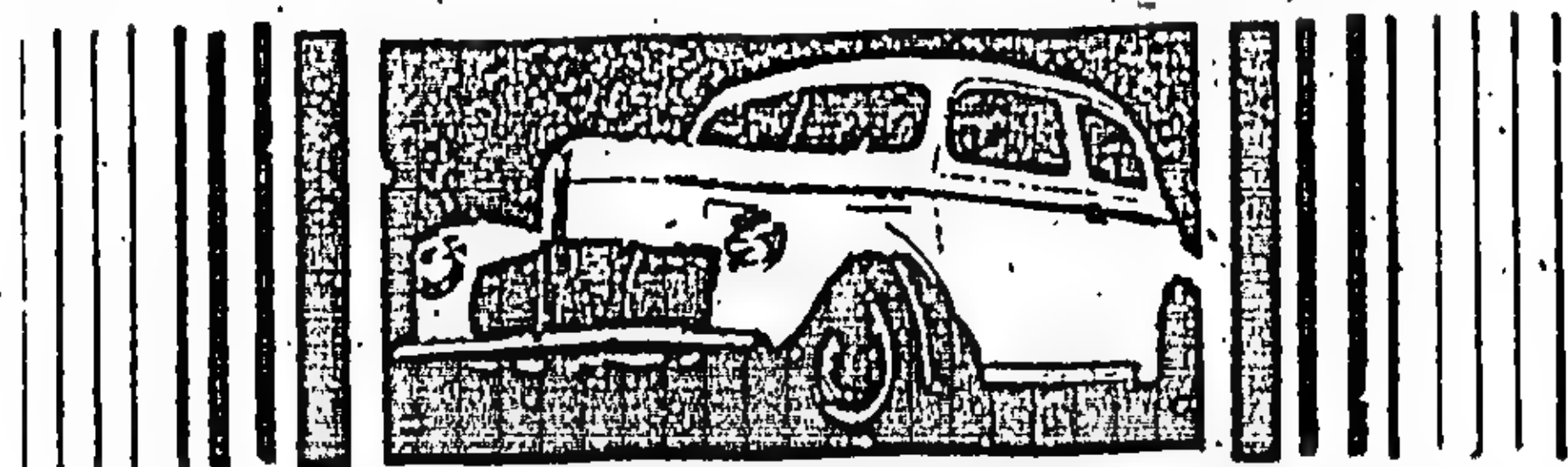
"Such, in any case, would be some of the inevitable consequences of 'socialistic planning between nations' and a victory of 'blood over gold' which the National Socialist regime has proclaimed on its banners. It proposes to lead the world into the 'socialistic millennium' to be formed—in Hitler's words—not by the senile forces of a decaying world but by the young and productive nations to whom belongs the future.

"This would leave the United States alternative courses. This nation could adopt an autarchic planned economy of its own and live mainly on its own resources within the confines of its own borders and militarise itself to the limit to assure its safety. But there can be little doubt that planned economy goes hand in hand with authoritarian government, and so this course might mean an end of America's political democracy.

"To adopt the alternative might be to court economic catastrophe of still inconceivable dimensions, with social and political upheavals, and possibly make America ripe for the invader."

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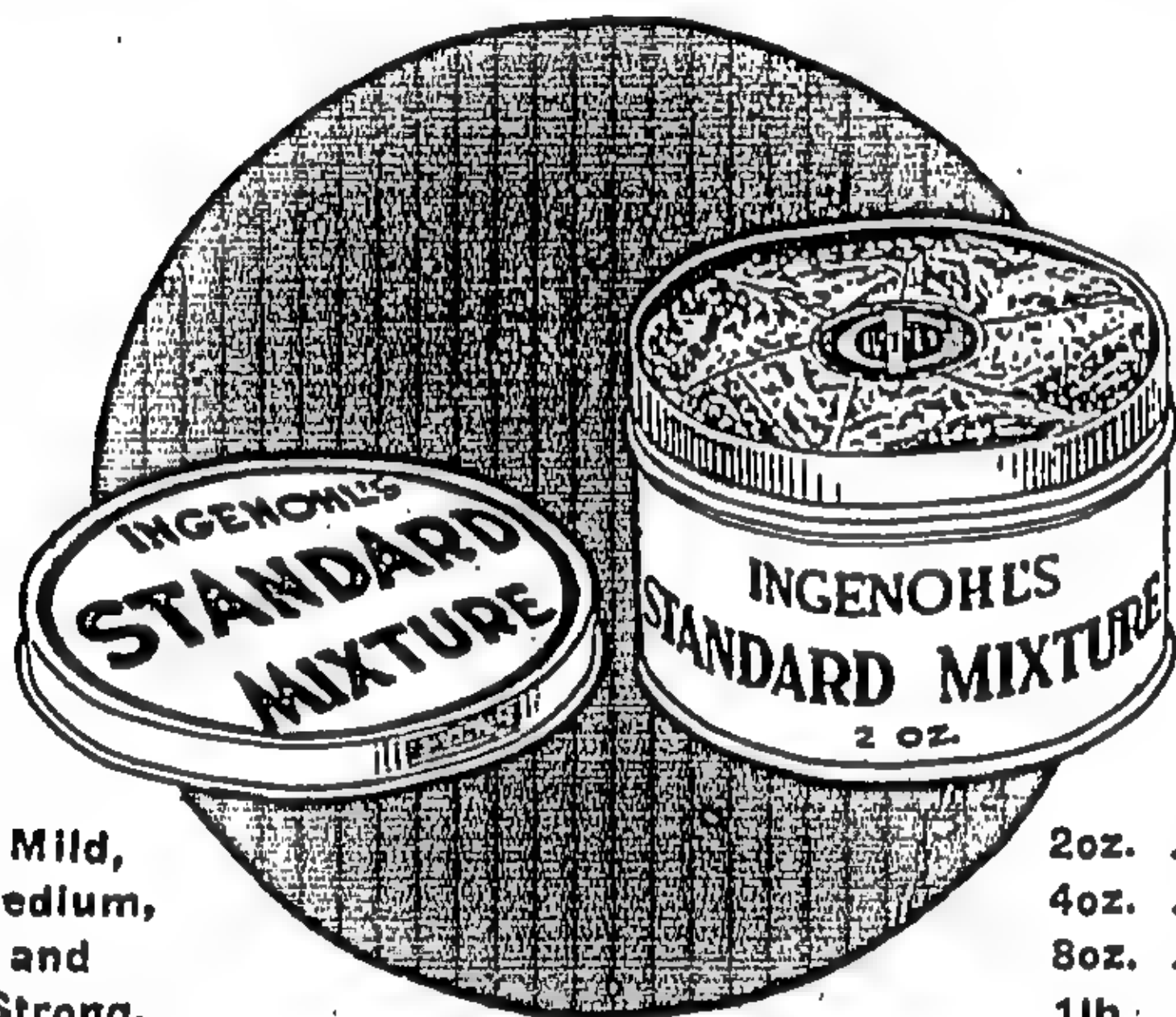
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Fairly bursting with pep, Rosalind Russell and Brian Aherne have joined hands in Universal's zealous comedy, "Hired Wife." Working together for the first time, the stars are having the times of their lives. And they look it in the above photo, which the cameraman caught of them as they were strolling around the studio.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES AT HOME

THE SILVER BEAMS which search Britain's skies every night are proving a great deterrent to German raiders and experience is showing that when caught in the concentrated glare of the searchlights they show an increasing tendency to turn back. The "tip and run" method of attack which is being adopted is a convincing proof of the effectiveness of Britain's anti-aircraft defences.

There can be no doubt that the effective and continuous use of searchlights is an insurance against air-raids. Caught in half a dozen beams the raider, twist and turn as he may, finds it difficult to escape or to see where he is going and the more dazzle he experiences the greater his confusion.

As long ago as 1915 searchlights were used against Zeppelins; and then as now, they had the effect of making hostile aircraft seek the less illuminated upper regions of the sky. In 1924 there began a thorough reorganisation of Britain's searchlight units and from a force of 2,500 men who were in training that year there grew the present force of over 70,000. There have been big developments in the instruments used and in the technique of spotting the invader. Searchlights with a candle power in the neighbourhood of 200 million throw powerful beams in every part of the sky.

When the projector is at work one man watches the ammeters and switch while another directs the beam.

Every detachment is fully armed with rifles and Lewis guns, and in this respect they provide an effective fighting force. During the operations in France searchlight units shot down at least five German planes and on many occasions detachments joined in the defence against air and ground attack. It is not surprising that in recent months German airmen have attempted to machine-gun searchlight posts in Britain.

Lonely Work

Detachments are necessarily scattered all over Britain with greater concentration at vulnerable points and the work is of a somewhat lonely character. The difficulties of feeding and administration are considerable and the non-commissioned officer in charge of each post who may be a corporal, has to bear a heavy responsibility. The discipline and esprit de corps are, notwithstanding, of a high order. Wherever possible the food is obtained at a central kitchen and despatched to each detachment for re-heating.

Each searchlight unit comprise some 350 men and 24 searchlights. About ten men are allotted to each post. They use the Army soundlocator, an apparatus based on the principle of human hearing. It has large moveable trumpets for ears, four feet six inches apart, instead of the human span of six inches. Two pairs of trumpets are used, one for the horizontal plane and one for the vertical, and when these are on the sound line a calculation will show the approximate position of the aircraft whose engine noise has been detected.

On the accuracy of this calculation depends whether or not the plane will be found at the end of the beam when the searchlight sweeps into life.

After dark on any night there may be half a dozen beams roving the skies and if there are German planes about, sooner or later they will pass through one of the beams. Then what is called a "flick over" occurs and immediately this is observed, neighbouring beams concentrate on the target, until it is fully illuminated.

Once the plane has been picked up, it is held in the glare of the searchlights and passed on to successive groups of lights. Given good conditions the machine may be in view for a hundred miles although in Britain a clear cloudless night is the exception and there is often cloud-cover for German machines. There is always the difficulty of recognising British machines at night, but steps, which are necessarily secret, have been taken to minimise the danger of firing at British planes. The sentry at each post is equipped with binoculars, whistle, and gas detector. The men who man the Lewis gun are on constant watch.

BRITISH RULE THE CHANNEL

A young American war correspondent, Daniel A. Campbell, representing the United Press of America, came back from Boulogne the other morning with a thick ear.

"I've been within two miles of the Fatherland," he said, "and I have seen nothing of any invasion plans."

Nevertheless, he told how the small naval vessel in which he was a passenger was shelled from the French coast.

"I was on the top deck when a shell burst within ten feet," he said, "and I have not heard anything with this ear ever since. It flung me ten feet on to the lower deck."

Mr. Campbell was the luckiest war correspondent in Europe. For months the entire British and Empire Press have been seeking permission for such a trip, but always they have been refused.

In Possession

Mr. Campbell, who was granted permission to sail, said the voyage was uneventful until they got near Boulogne, and then, in his own words:

"If Hitler had some troops awaiting a chance to make a landing, the R.A.F. mucked up the whole thing. You've no idea what a bombardment those aeroplanes of yours put up."

"I am quite certain that it will be impossible for Hitler to invade Britain so long as the R.A.F. can unload their stuff over there in the way that I saw them do it."

"We were so interested in the fireworks display that we went in within two miles of Boulogne Harbour, and the shore batteries opened up on us."

"You can see for yourself what a cauliflower ear I got."

"So far as my left ear is concerned I have no doubt that the British own the Channel."

CHASE THAT WON BAR TO D.F.C.

A PILOT OFFICER WHO WON THE D.S.O., M.C. AND D.F.C. IN THE LAST WAR AND WHO IS AGAIN ON ACTIVE SERVICE, ALTHOUGH 50 YEARS OLD, TOLD THE FORCES IN A BROADCAST TALK HOW HE RECENTLY WON A BAR TO HIS D.F.C.

He was asked, he said, that a Hurricane should be taken back to England from France before night-fall. He had never flown this plane before and had had no time to repair its guns.

Soon after he had taken off tracer-bullets began coming down at him from the hillsides. "Foolishly," said the pilot, "I shot up to about 3,000ft. to sail straight into a perfect pattern of horribly noisy, black, anti-aircraft bursts. An unorthodox manoeuvre got me out of this, but not before a Messerschmidt flight-commander had dived to the attack."

Thereafter the chase went on up the village street and down a chateau drive and once almost through the chateau front door, until, suddenly twisting downstream in a wooded valley, I slipped out to sea, where the fleet off Boulogne opened up on the pack at my heels."

The speaker was recognised as Pilot Officer Louis A. Strange, who retired from the R.A.F. in 1921 with the rank of Wing Commander.

15 WOMEN TO BE CENSORS

The Ministry of Information is appointing 15 young women at £4 per week each to assist in the examination of newspapers and periodicals for matter likely to be useful to the enemy.

Their task will be confined to articles which, under the existing voluntary system, have not been submitted to the Press Bureau. It is suggested that these women should be called "censorettes" but their official designation is the more prosaic one of "examiners."



Rosemary Lane's first loan-out assignment after two years under contract to Warner's provides her with an important singing-romantic role in "The Boys from Syracuse." A Mayfair Production (to be released by Universal), the film is based on the Broadway musical comedy success. Miss Lane is seen opposite Allan Jones, who plays a dual role and who has romantic moments as well with Irene Harvey, his real-life wife.

AIR RAIDS AND HOUSEWIVES

HOUSEWIVES ARE playing a key part in the coastal town air battles. All those interviewed recently said it was their duty to remain to cook and scrub and care for their husbands and children and their neighbours whose homes were blown up in the daily air raids. They are most resentful of the published stories suggesting that they are leaving towns pushing prams loaded with possessions.

British women are as unafraid as the men. "We are in the front line, too," they said. For the nightly raids they move the children's beds into the air-raid shelters, where the children spend the entire night undisturbed. During the whistling of the bombs, the swooping planes, and the rattling machine-guns women in the shelters look as calm as if they were at a tea party.

During the worst raid on one coastal town, when several were killed, police patrolled streets with loud-speakers, asking shoppers to take cover.

Dover housewives caught in the streets during six daily raids reduced their wasted hours by forming a shopping club. When the all-clear siren sounds one dashes to the greengrocer, another buys meat, a third attends to the groceries, then they pool all provisions. When the police pointed out the machine-gun bullets falling thickly during the Messerschmidt's attack on the barrage balloons they completely failed to persuade the women to go indoors, who were restive after hours of sheltering. "I must go, the dinner is spoiling," was the general comment.

Getting Wise To It

Women have learnt to distinguish between the noises of machine-gun, cannon, and anti-aircraft fire. They are not anxious when the dull crump indicates a bomb. Everyone takes the children everywhere with them lest they are caught in the streets and prevented from getting home. Mothers and children look bored and unanxious.

All have achieved a jolly philosophy. The wife of a postman in a small town outside Dover arrived in Dover in the middle of an air raid. "I came here to visit my sister, who came to spend a holiday with her parents right in the middle of the blitzkrieg." It is a favourite joke to point to the French coast, "there's Germany." The occupants of an entire street of tileless and windowless houses are laughing because an air raid worker was just going to bed at mid-morning after night duty, when a bomb dropped next door.

A Cheerful Lot

A housewife sheltering in a cellar with her baby heard the explosion, ran out to extricate the victims, and helped to dig out a

woman from beneath a copper where she was beginning to do the week's washing. All neighbouring houses an hour afterwards looked like a scene from the film, "Gulliver's Travels," with every man sitting on a windowsill nailing linoleum or three-ply to replace the missing tiles or glass,

VICHY EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH THAILAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WITH REGARD TO the series of notes received by the French Government from Thailand, authoritative circles in Vichy assert that those pertaining to territorial claims have been categorically rejected.

The other notes received referred to the ratification of the non-aggression pact signed between the two countries four months ago, and recent incidents along the border between Thailand and Indo-China.

The French Government is ready to proceed immediately with the exchange of the instruments of the ratification of the non-aggression pact.

The Bangkok Government has not yet received these instruments and it is proposed to send a copy from France by telegram.

The French Government has also agreed to a proposal for a joint Franco/Thai commission to undertake the repartitioning of several islands on the Mekong River, which forms part of the frontier between the two countries.

It is stressed that the commis-

LONDON GETS DOWN TO IT

The speed with which factories in the London area which have been bombed by German aircraft have reorganised production was illustrated in a speech at Lincoln yesterday by Sir Cecil Weir, Executive Member of the Export Council, Board of Trade.

Speaking of a London tour where he visited plants some of which had been struck as frequently as eight times by every type of bomb, Sir Cecil Weir said: "One would have expected disorganisation, chaos, confusion. Instead one found an extraordinary degree of normal production and in one of the worst cases, the drop in production, a large part of which was going for export, was less than thirty per cent. and the managing director assured me that, within another week or two, they would be fully up to usual output."

Another manufacturer showed me photographs of his damaged factory which had been struck in a vital spot by a 1,500 lb. bomb. In another, a vital spot had been blasted by a landmine.

When he looked at the damage the day after the attack, his foreman said: "How long do you think it will be before we can get going", and he said, optimistically, about a month.

In actual fact, the plant was operating within 24 hours. I lost thirty per cent. production in the first week, twenty per cent. in the second and in the third was producing the full output which was much more than we manufactured in pre-war days.—British Wire-
less.

or to cover the shrapnel holes in the walls.

When a bomb fell in the five yard space between two Anderson shelters, a young mother said, "I was a bit frightened for my ten months' old baby. He cried for five minutes, but was unhurt. We wonder what happened to the chickens in the run where the bomb fell as we have not found even a feather." Asked whether she intended to repair some shattered windows, a fat, jolly housewife who helped to dig out the victims, said, "I believe it is the landlord's responsibility, but if he takes as long as he did to repair one tile, we won't have windows until the war is over."



WORST MAN

"Got the ring safely?"

"The ring? Oh. Wait a minute. Ring. Here it is. No. Confound it. Where is it? Could have sworn it was in this pocket."

"You will find it nestling coily in the bottom right-hand waistcoat pocket."

"Oh yes. Of course. So it is. Ha! Ha! Funny if I lost it. Yes. I say—let's go over this business once more. Now what do I do when..."

"My dear Peter, look at your tie. Pull yourself together. Remember, I'm the man who's going to be married, not you."

"Oh. Are you? I mean yes—of course. Fact is, old boy, I'm in a rather weak state. That celeb-

tion of yours last night. Oh my poor head. I'm sure I won't be able to squeeze it into that wretched topper."

"If you'd only taken my advice last night and stuck to gin and Rose's..."

"Rose's? Oh yes. For the bridesmaids. I thought you said they were to be carnations."

"Rose's Lime Juice, blockhead! Prevents hangovers. Therapeutic action. I wish I'd rammed a quart of it down your silly throat. Next time I get married, Peter, remember—you stick to gin and Rose's the night before."

"Oh yes. Thanks for the tip. I will. I say—Charles—where did I put that ring? I could have sworn..."

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France agreed to the suggestion and proposed that a committee be empowered to investigate other frontier incidents which took place along the Thai/Indo-China border during the past few weeks. —Havas.

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ERIC W. PUDNEY,
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A. G. CLARKE,

Commissioner of War Taxation.
16th October, 1940.

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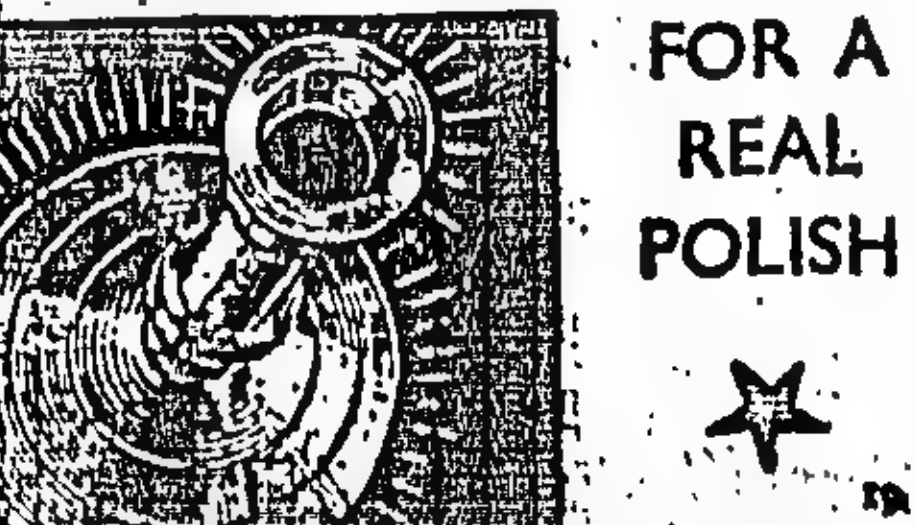
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NORTH

S: Q, 4.
H: K, 10, 8, 5.
D: A, Q, 8, 7.
C: A, 10, 4.

WEST

S: J, 10.
H: J, 9, 6, 4, 2.
D: 6, 5, 3.
C: 9, 8, 5.

EAST

S: 9, 8, 7, 5, 2.
H: None.
D: 10, 4, 2.
C: Q, J, 8, 7, 2.

SOUTH

S: A, K, 6, 3.
H: A, Q, 7, 3.
D: K, J, 9.
C: K, 3.

The actual auction, which was mildly faulty, went (with E-W. passing throughout):

South: 1NT. (The modern Culbertson bid on seven honour cards; it would be criticised by adherents of other systems as including a weak doubleton and withholding information of two good four-card major suits. But in conjunction with accurate Culbertson responses it works well in practice.)

North: 3D. (Announcing at least three honour tricks, showing a biddable suit, and exploring slam possibilities.)

North: 3NT. (Denying adequate support for a four-card spade suit.)

South: 4H. (Continuing his search.)

North: 4NT. (Conventional, signalling two aces and the king of a bid suit, which South can almost certainly identify, as he is likely to hold with the heart or the spade king, and the diamond king.)

South: 5NT. (Conventional, showing the other two aces.)

North: 7H. (Dr. Stern considers that 7NT would be a better bid at rubber bridge, as reducing the risk of an enemy ruff, whilst at match-point duplicate 7NT would be a compulsory bid, in order to secure the extra ten points, which might secure an absolute top on the board.) West leads the deuce of trumps, aware that this lead cannot do

R.A.F.'S COLD WORK OVER GERMANY

MOST OF THE AIR CREWS WHO FLEW OVER GERMANY DURING THE WINTER HAVE ALMOST FORGOTTEN BY NOW THE EXTREME COLD WHICH THEY EXPERIENCED. A FEW OF THOSE TAKING PART IN RECENT RAIDS ON MILITARY OBJECTIVES OVER ENEMY TERRITORY, HOWEVER, HAVE ONCE AGAIN ENCOUNTERED FREEZING CONDITIONS.

A week ago the crew of one aircraft of Bomber Command flew through such severe icy conditions that the whole of the aircraft, to use the words of the pilot, "was like a refrigerator. Even the hot tea in a vacuum flask was frozen."

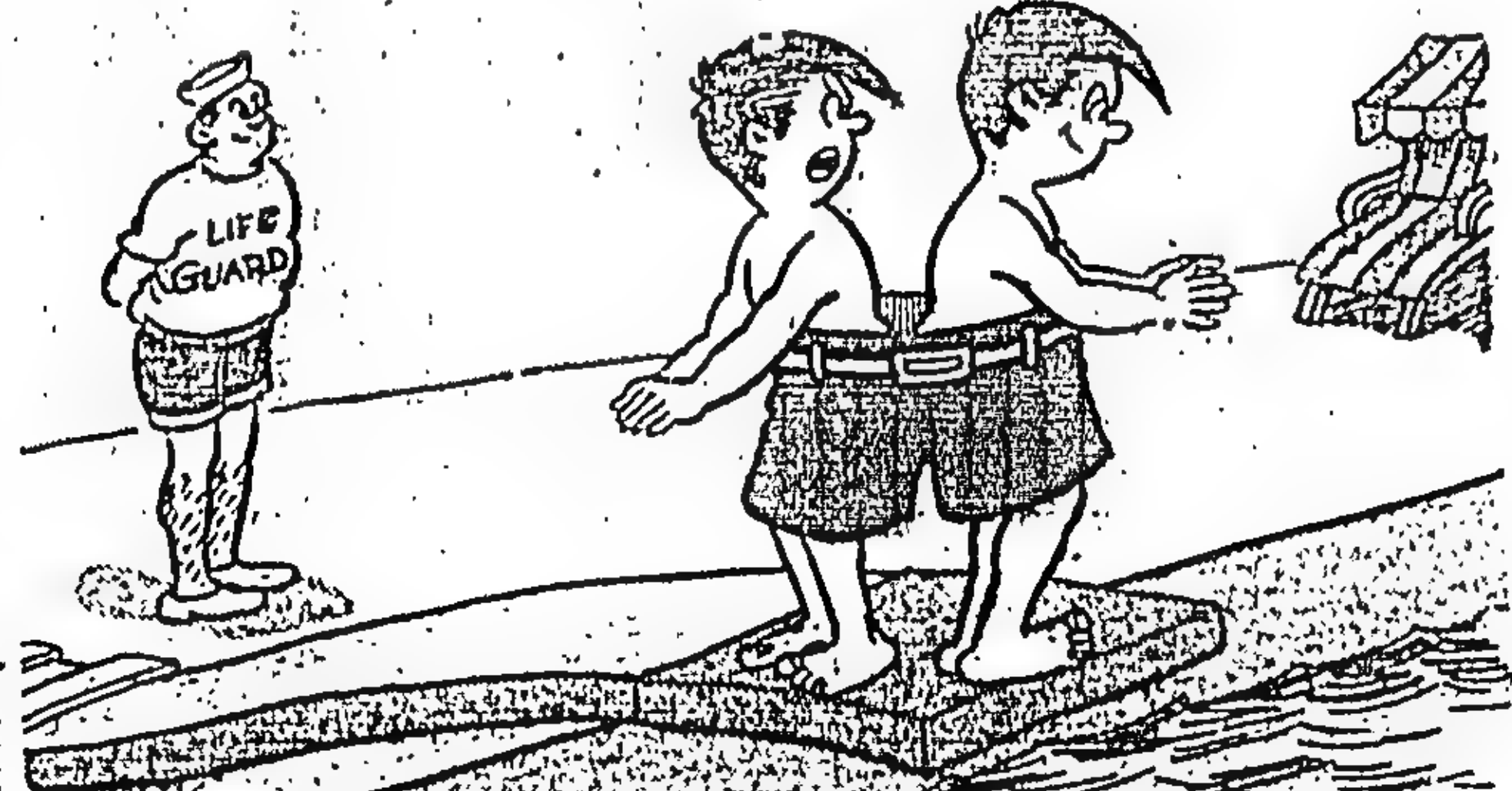
The captain of another aircraft engaged in a recent attack on targets in Germany reported that the cold was so intense he was afraid his crew would get frost-bitten, as they were not dressed for such Arctic weather.

any harm against a crack declarer, and may possibly prevent one or even two ruffs, even though it is likely to disclose a trump void in East. This void would naturally throw a weak South into the depths of despair, but the play of the deal is nevertheless tolerably simple, always assuming that the distribution of the West hand is not freakish. West has five trumps, and therefore only eight cards in the other three suits. If West has a black void or black singleton or less than three diamonds the grand slam cannot be made. The declarer must therefore ignore any false-carding by West and assume that the West hand consists of two spades, two clubs, and three diamonds. South, after taking the opening trump trick, makes two spades, two clubs, and two diamonds. Even if West plays the six and five of diamonds to the two opening rounds of that suit, South must play a third round of diamonds, for no effort on his part can reduce diamonds in South to two cards or in North to less than three. At the eighth trick he leads a third round of diamonds, taking it in North. All is now plain sailing. He can ruff out the remaining tricks, sandwiching or tenacing West's remaining trumps between North's K, 10, 8 and ruffing so high in South that West cannot overtake. The declarer's play is, deprived of all uncertainty as soon as he perceives that he has no choice whatsoever except to play West for at least three diamonds.

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Falling Hair, Failing Health

Nature blessed us with vanity after our bodies were created. That was her method of making us care for ourselves. When we look at falling hair, our vanity should be pricked, for nature is telling us that something is wrong—all is not well.

Thinning hair is frequently caused by improper care of the scalp, but noticeably falling hair is caused by a health condition which should be determined and remedied. Perhaps you need a good long rest, perhaps your menus are faulty or you are not getting sufficient exercise. For some reason your body is not functioning properly and it cannot supply the scalp with the nutrition it needs. After an examination, or self analysis, determine on a programme and then (and only then) attempt to bring back new hair beauty through the following suggested treatment. Rest, sunbaths, scientific menus and exercise are always your best doctors, but somehow if we pay for a doctor's advice we will follow it!

How To Treat Scalp

Just to be certain that no scalp parasite is causing the hair to fall, shampoo every week for one month with tincture of green soap unless your hair has been dyed. Rinse it thoroughly after each shampoo, dry it in the sun, and brush it with a sterilised brush.

Before each shampoo give it a hot olive oil treatment, applying the oil to the scalp with cotton. Leave it on over night.

After each shampoo massage the scalp with a sulphur ointment prepared by one of the leading scalp specialists. Remove excess ointment with a bit of cotton wrung out of witch hazel. Leave this on until the next shampoo. After the first month, shampoo every ten days or two weeks. In the meantime be certain that your combs and brushes are kept antiseptically clean.



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physician skilled in such knowledge should advise you—no beauty salon operator has the necessary medical training.

If you have bald spots, scattered over your scalp, where new hair begins to grow, clip the new fuzz one or two times to strengthen its growth. Sometimes a very diluted iodine mixture helps the hair to grow.

Of course, if you have let the condition go too long, and the hair follicles are dead, then nothing can ever produce hair again.

Dr. Cullis' Lectures

It is emphasised that to men as well as to women, a cordial invitation is extended to attend the public lectures to be given in Hong Kong by Professor Winifred Cullis, C.B.E., M.A., D.Sc.

Professor Cullis is to speak at the Helena May Institute tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. and again at the Y.M.C.A. Kowloon on Thursday, October 24th at 9.15 p.m.

What she will have to say will be of great interest to the entire English-speaking community as she will give some details of Britain at war and the effort that is being made by every man and woman, not only to resist a possible German invasion but towards completing the preparations for a great counter-offensive.

Professor Cullis is an inspiring messenger and having personally experienced some of the bombing raids in London and south-west England, is able to give first hand details of the morale of the people and their utmost confidence in an ultimate victory for democracy as well as of their astounding ability to "stand up to it." Admission to the meetings is free.



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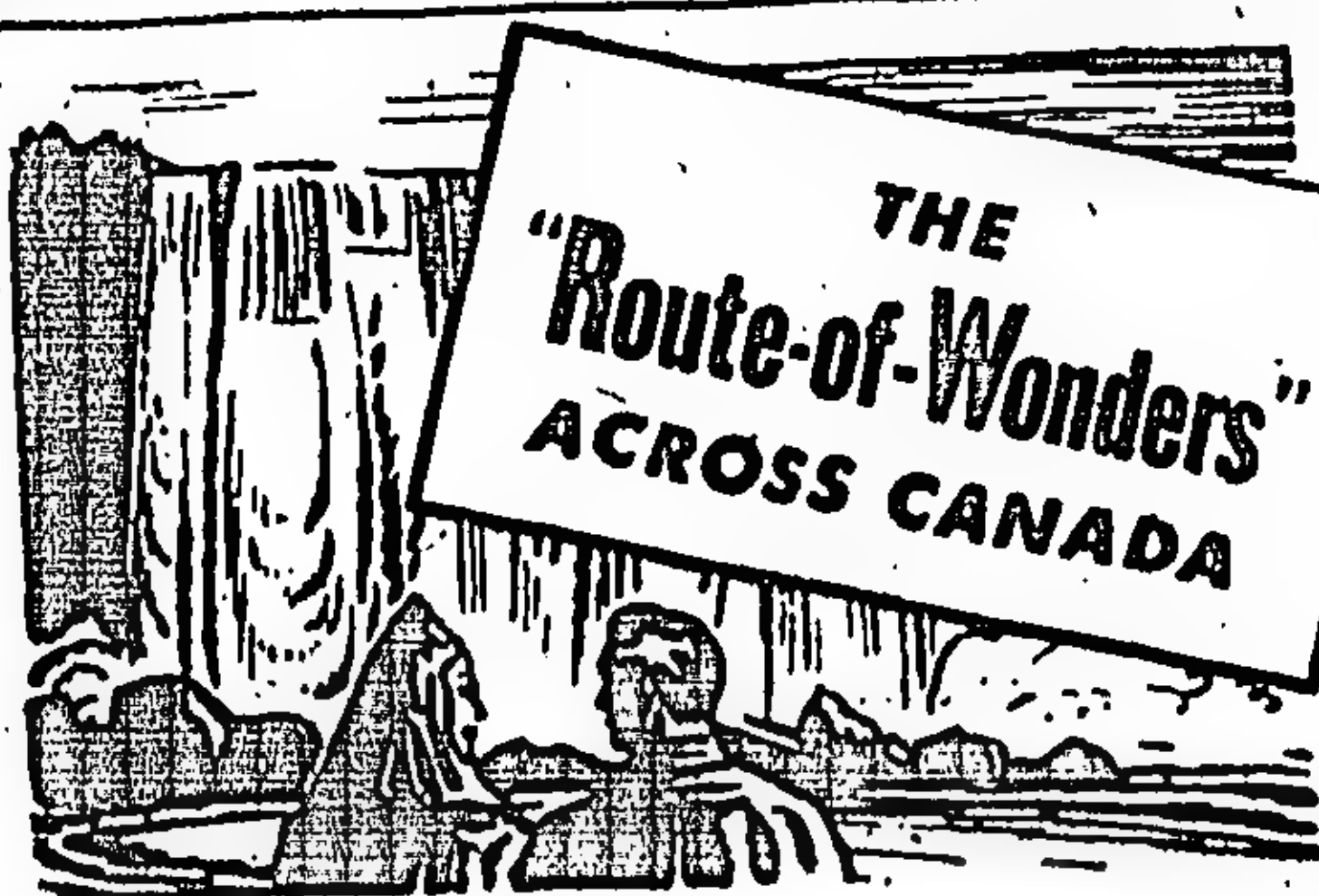
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1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.

6.00 p.m.—Borodin—Quartet No. 2 in D Major.

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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

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8.03 p.m.—Eric Coates—Cinderella—A Fantasy.
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Alfred Cortot (Piano) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

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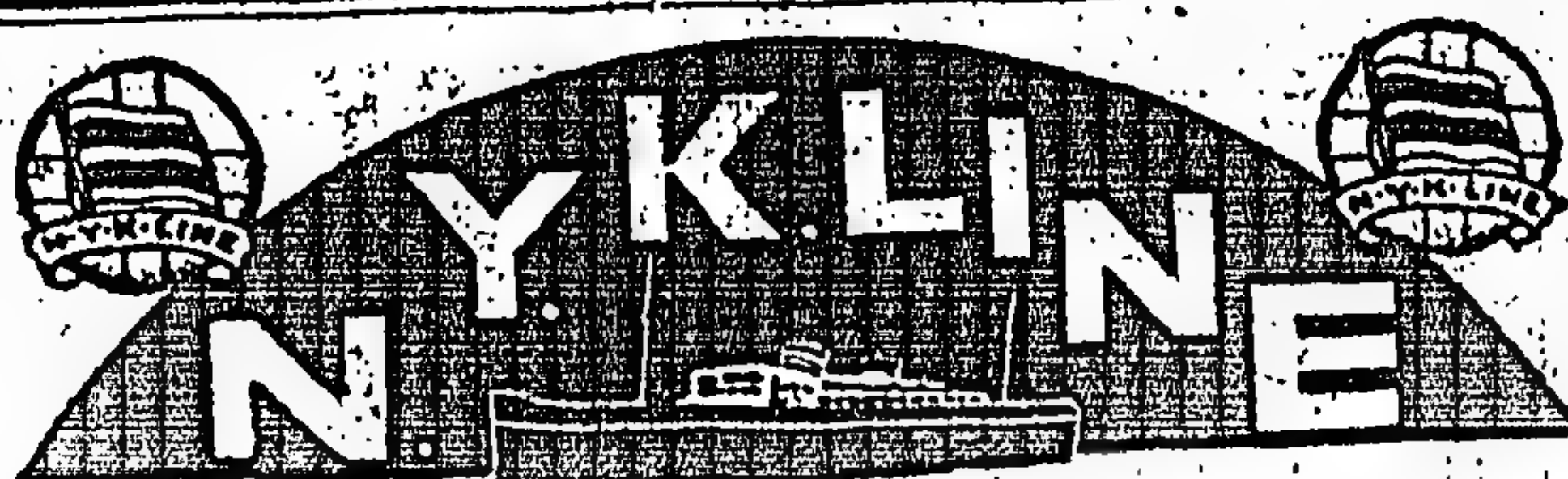
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things."

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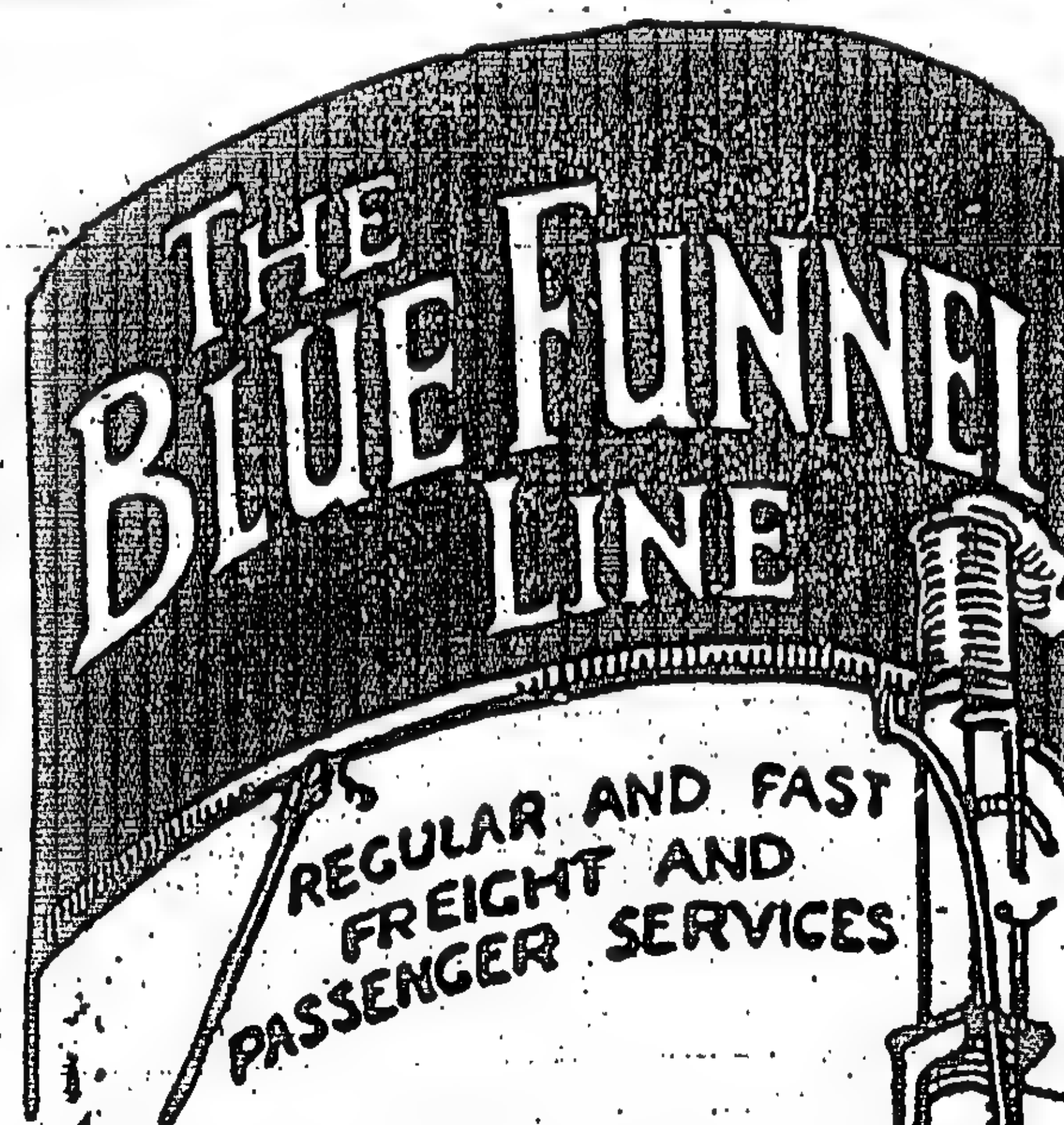
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FARM LABOUR ANOMALY

The Ministry of Agriculture is faced with a big problem as the result of an unexpected lack of demand for farm labour.

Drastic powers have been taken to counteract the shortage of labour of which farmers complained in many parts of the country, but it appears that the compulsory transfer to the land, dependent on jobs being offered them, of skilled agricultural workers who had entered factories has not proceeded far.

Thousands of volunteers have answered the Minister's appeal to help with food production. The position now is that many of them are waiting for jobs.

The women's Land Army has more recruits than applications for their services, only a third of the 1,200 university harvest volunteers have so far been offered work, and many of the schoolboy holiday camps have fallen through.

Many factors are contributing to this temporary impasse. More than 70,000 men have left the land since the war began, and there is no doubt that on thousands of farms too few men are employed to get maximum output. Skilled men are, in fact, wanted in many districts, and better correlation between supply and demand in different areas seems needed.

QUESTION OF FINANCE

Many farmers are hampered by lack of ready cash, and a Government sponsored cheap credit scheme would certainly stimulate the demand for labour.

There is considerable reluctance to take on unskilled workers, especially temporary ones, even at the lower rates of pay now conceded, and the weather, the difficulty of employing squads of untrained volunteers on moderately sized farms and of finding tools, and the question of housing have all influenced the demand.

Inquiry should quicken with the corn harvest but an effort should be made by farmers to work out provisional arrangements in advance.

MILLAY POEM FOR B.W.R.A.

A thin little blue-covered book will do its part to raise money for the British war relief fund at the fair to be held at the Manila Club next Saturday, Oct. 19. It is the only copy believed to be in the Philippines of Edna St. Vincent Millay's newest poem, *There Are No Islands Any More*.

According to the author's own dedication, they are "lines written in passion and in deep concern for England, France and My Own Country." Miss Millay explains further: "This poem, written by me in the cause of democracy, has been printed and distributed with my permission, free of royalty to me or profit to my publishers (Harper and Brothers). All proceeds from the sale of this book will be turned over to an established war relief agency."

The single advance copy received in Manila is a first edition and will be sold at Mrs. A. O. Baigrie's booth, probably to the highest bidder. Available also to Mrs. Baigrie's stall will be about 20 other sample or advance copies of books being published in the United States his fall, and, therefore, first editions.

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A MILLION MILES

The first squadron in the Royal Air Force to use Hudson aircraft has just completed a million miles of flying in this American built military version of the Lockheed 14.

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In addition, to reconnaissance work, the squadron has many successful bombing raids and air combats to its credit. Its aircraft have attacked successfully harbours, ships and other military targets. The squadron's logbooks show records of more than fifty air battles, during which a dozen enemy aircraft have been definitely shot down and many others damaged.

U-boats are also among its victims. Working in close cooperation with the Navy the squadron has frequently provided an air escort for our warships and has driven off a number of attempted enemy air attacks upon them. In its files are hundreds of photographs of enemy ports, aerodromes, towns and ships.

Four of the squadron's officers hold the D.F.C. and four airmen the D.F.M. About a quarter of the pilots come from the Dominions. The pilots are generous in their praise of the Hudsons, which they describe as "wizard aircraft for the job."

THE RUDE RING

A Flying Officer at a Fighter Command station has for years been proud of his signet ring. He used it, in civilian life, to mark sealing wax on registered letters and documents in his City office. When he came into the Air Force to an administrative job he continued to use his signet ring for marking the sealing wax on envelopes.

The other day an old friend of his, also in the R.A.F., rang him up after receiving a letter from him.

His friend said: "Go to Hell!" "I beg your pardon!", said the indignant Flying Officer. "What do you mean?"

"I said 'Go to Hell!'", replied his friend. "You told me to go there, so now I'm telling you."

The friend went on to explain that being intrigued by the inscription on the sealing wax made by the signet ring he had inquired and found that it was Arabic for "Go to Hell!"

"After all these years," says the Flying Officer, "I now discover that I have been having my leg pulled all the time by a former colleague of mine. The ring was bought in Bagdad—in fact it was made specially for my friend. He sent it to me as a gift and I have worn it ever since."

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Weakened Saints Team Account For Asheville Chung Hwa Beat South China On Costly Errors

By "Grandstand"

A NUMBER OF friendlies featured the week-end softball, eight teams being involved. On the Kowloon side, the Recreio Aces massacred the Hong Kong Baseball Club to the tune of 17 runs to 6, whilst the Recreio Bees triumphed over the Chinese Baseballers by a 15 to 12 verdict.

On the Hong Kong side the games were more interesting, the Saints finishing on the long end of an 8-6 score, whilst Chung Hwa just managed to nose out South China by six runs to five.

The Rambling Rees played an errorless game, whilst the Hong Kong Baseballers booted seven times, but outhit the Aces by 12 to 10. Both teams used two pitchers. Noronha and Gosano toting the rubber for the Portuguese, whilst Molthen and Kent toiled for the Baseballers. All except Noronha had one strike-out to their credit.

The Rees, on the other hand, based their victory on their hickory wielding, connecting for 15 safeties to the Chinese Baseballers' 10 and committed one error less than the Chinese four.

Guterres Yanked

Guterres, working on the mound for the Bees, was derricked after he had issued four free tickets to first, and was replaced by Lawrence, who fanned three. The Chinese also used two hurlers, Tuffy Chinn, and George White, the former fanning four.

In the opener on the Hong Kong side, the Saints worked "Bashful" Frankie Gonzales on the mound, who went the route, whilst the Mighty "A" had their baseball first-sacker Balcerrek assuming mound duties. The Saints outhit the Mighty "A" by 8-7, but were more fortunate in that their hits counted, as they always had one of the sacks occupied, whilst the Asheville blows were scattered, with the exception of the inning in which three runs in a row, assisted by a wild pitch, gave them three markers. The only Saint bobbie was committed by Omar's muff of Balcerrek's high fly to short centre. Sonny Sondag and Sabo shared batting honours, both singling twice in their two trips to the platter, whilst Gordon belted the only homer of the fracas. Powerhouse Stan Leonard and Charlie Manson were good for a double apiece.

The Holy men batted first and only chalked up one run in the first on a walk, and a hit, whilst the Mighty "A" replied with three tallies to put them in the lead. Via the same route of a walk and a hit the Saints denied the counting station once more, whilst Omar's muff gave the Asheville-men one more marker. The Saints

crept nearer and trailed one run behind at the end of the third. In the fourth both sides were retired in one, two, three order. In the fifth frame, Powerhouse Stan Leonard's double with Showboat Ali on board tied the score, which was broken by Albert Leonard's rasping single through short. In the sixth the Saints dented the plate for three more tallies, and put the game on ice, with four runs ahead.

In the Asheville half of the inning, with one on, Gordon socked into Frankie's easy floater and lost the pill for a four-bagger—ground rules or no ground rules!

In the last time at bat, Johnson, pinch-hitting for "Beer Barrel" Vachiano, drew a pass, whilst Sontag singled to put two on bases. With the tying run on the sacks, Lies attempted a sacrifice bunt which went foul. On the next pitch he attempted the same run and hit play but hind-snatcher Hal Wing-lee snared the pill before it hit the dirt, and pegged to second for the only double killing. Bishoff fled out to first for the game to end 8-6.

Costly Errors

Five costly errors in the clutches cost South China their game when they were nosed out by the Chung Hwa nine.

Bill Quon tossed for South China, with S. C. Wong at the receiving end, the latter being replaced during the fourth by Cecil "Sparks" Winglee. Lone hurler of Chung Hwa, Al Lau, toiled on the slab and was nicked for five blows, and passed one to first. South China ball-hawk, Johnnie I. C. Wong, batted a neat 1,000 in his three trips, to the platter, whilst Bill Chang made the longest hit of the tussle when he belted a two-bagger for Chung Hwa. South China drew first blood, when Bill Quon made first sack, on four balls in a row, and pilfered second. First-sacker Kenny Yum's single advanced him to third. With ducks in the pond, Johnnie Wong batted in Quon, and Nelson Ma sacrificed for Yum. In the next stanza, Chung Hwa equalised on two hits, and two South China bobbies. In the third South China drew ahead, once more with two tallies. In a fifth-inning rally Chung Hwa lashed the leather all over the place and knotted the count with one out. The winning tally came in, when Jimmy Chung blasted the apple through the box, which nearly blew the brains out of hurler Bill Quon. Al Lau, who was perched on second, scampered all the way home and slid in a cloud of dust, beating the throw in by a whisker. Owing to a shortage of players, midget Sammy Chan Yue-kong, Alley-Cat, infield marvel, was assigned the duty of holding second sack and in his four fielding chances handled the pill like a veteran. Hardly able to lift a bat, he bent out a bunt along the first base line, pilfered second, but was left stranded.

Divisional Allocations

News has been received that the committee, authorised by the Association have reached a definite decision regarding the segregation of the different teams into the First and Second Divisions. In the former category are the Redreio Aces, the Canadian Chinese, the Chinese Baseball Club, St. Joseph's, Hong Kong

ARMY RUGBY TRIAL

The final Army Rugby trial held at Sookunpoo yesterday evening revealed some useful talent.

Yesterday's game between the Reds and the Blues resulted in a win for the former by nine points (three tries) to five (one goal). Many changes were made in the teams at half-time however, and in the second session more than half the Reds were playing for the Blues and vice versa.

Following took part in the trial: Cnr. Easterbrook, 5/A.A.; Pte. Macdonald, R.A.M.C.; L.C. Coombes, R.A.M.C.; Capt. Douglass, 2/R.S.; Bdr. Richards, 8/Hvy.; Capt. Hook, 8/Hvy.; 2/Lt. Wedderburn, 5/A.A.; Pte. Mohan, R.A.M.C.; Gnr. Whitehead, 5/A.A.; Capt. Hewitt, 1/Mx.; Capt. Bedford, R.C.S.; 2/Lt. Eddison, 12/Hvy.; Sgt. Page, 5/A.A.; Pte. Wigglesworth, R.A.M.C.; L/Bdr. McDermott, 8/Hvy.; Capt. Drew-Wilkinson, 2/R.S.; Sgt. Marsh, 8/Hvy.; 2/Lt. Ford, 2/R.S.; Sign. Willis, R.C.S.; L/C. Picton, R.E.; 2/Lt. Gibson, 2/R.S.; Sign. Morgan, R.C.S.; Pte. Berry, Mx.; Cpl. Sutherland, 2/R.S.; 2/Lt. Bompas, H.K.S.R.A.; 2/Lt. Pinkerton, 2/R.S.; 2/Lt. Millar, 2/R.S.; Capt. Duke, 2/R.S.; 2/Lt. Cuthbertson, 2/R.S.; 2/Lt. Heath, 5/A.A.

Reserves who played in the second half were: L/C. Birrell, R.E.; L/Sgt. Sheldrake, R.E.; Pte. Coombe, 2/R.S.; 2/Lt. Denfield, 12/Hvy.; Lt. Smith, H.K.S.R.A.; L/C. Lane, 2/R.S.; Clifton, Lt. Lomax, 8/Hvy.; L/C. Foley, R.E.; Pte. Ferguson, 1/Mx.; Lt. Willoughby, 1/Mx.

SIGNALS' WATERPOLO WIN

In the final of the (Army (Large Units) Water-polo Knock-Out Competition played in the Army pool yesterday, the Royal Corps of Signals scored a rather fortunate victory over the Middlesex Regiment by 2 goals to 1 through a penalty goal near the end of the game.

In the first minute of the second half Dignan broke away to give the Corps the lead with a splendid shot, but Middlesex equalised through Jennings. Towards the close during a melee in their goalmouth Middlesex were penalised and Morgan

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

At last the Small Units football knock out competition is under way, and the first game to be played was between the Hong Kong Signals and "D" Coy of the Royal Scots, which resulted in a win for the latter by 5-0.

On Monday at Shamshuipo "C" Coy of the Middles lost to "A" Coy of the Royal Scots after extra time, the score being 2-1. Thomas scored for the Middles and Cornwall (1), Jones (1) for the Scots. To-day "A" Coy of the Middlesex will play the Corps of Military Police at Shamshuipo kick off 4.30 p.m.

LAST week the Middlesex Regt. "A" team defeated the Y.M.C.A. "A" team by the only goal of the match, which was scored by Stanton. Stickley, the Colony and Army player, was outstanding in the defence and caused many upsets to the attacking forwards. Ferguson on the right wing is very fast and tricky with the ball.

At Boundary Street the Middles juniors beat the Police 2nd XI by four goals to one, the goals being scored by Hatfield (2), C/Sgt. Bond (1), and Caul (1). A rather good game was witnessed between the R.A.S.C. and the R.A.M.C. last week at Sookunpoo with the former emerging winners by 2 goals to one. Sheridan, despite a nasty cut over the eye, played an excellent game at back, and Gardiner as his partner proved a promising player. The half-backs all played well and broke up several dangerous

attacks. The forwards all combined well together especially with S/Sgt. Williams finding his old form again. The goals were scored by Pearn (1) and S/Sgt. Williams (1). The Sappers were given a surprise by HQ Company of the Middlesex Regt., who, with only one of their battalion players turning out for them, won by four goals to one, L/Cpl. Moggeridge getting the hat-trick, with O'Mahony scoring the other. Sgt. Grosten scored for the Sappers. To-day the Signals are playing the 18th A.A. Bty. R.A. at Sookunpoo, kick off 5 p.m. To-morrow the H.K. Signals are playing the R.A.S.C. in the first game of the Departmental League Shield series, at Chatham Road, kick off 5 p.m.

AN exciting game of cricket was seen between the Sappers and the Service Corps, with the former winning by 8 runs. The Sappers batted first and were all out for 108 runs—Spr. Tropp 27, S/Sgt. Kahoe 26, and Spr. Bailey 14. The Corps replied with 102, and at one time they looked like winning with their score at 102 for 7 wickets, but, owing to the fine bowling of Sgt. Denyer, they were all out for 102 runs. Sgt. French of the Service Corps took 8 wickets for 38 runs and Cpl. Young and Sgt. Hamlen both reached over the 20 mark for the R.A.S.C.

The Signals beat the Engineers last Saturday by 31 runs—Cpl. Blount 18, Cpl. Bedford 12, Cpl. Coxy 17, L/C. Love 16 and Sig. Coghill 11, being the best scorers for the Signals, and Sgt. Brackenbury doing rather well with his bowling by taking 4 wickets for only 7 runs. The Sappers were not on form and only three of their players managed to reach double figures. Sgt. Denyer was again their best bowler with 4 wickets for 27.

To-day the Middlesex Regt. are playing the Sappers at Sookunpoo, starting at 2 p.m.

THE Engineers are starting in real earnest with their rowing training for the forthcoming regatta. One alteration has been made in their team with Spr. Monaghan taking No. 3 in place of L/Cpl. Foley, who is better over the 2,000 yds. course. At last the post of Area Rowing Officer has been filled. He will be 2/Lt. A. E. Clayton, 20th Heavy Bty. R.A., who has already called a meeting of Unit representatives for next week.

ON Saturday Army will play their first game of the season against the Indian Recreation Club on the latter's ground, and the following have been selected to represent the Army.

Major Grose, R.E., Sgt. Denyer, R.E., 2/Lt. T. A. Pearce, R.A., 2/Lt. J. L. C. Pearce, R.A., B.Q.M.S. Pettit, R.A., L/Cpl. Young, R.A.S.C., L/Cpl. Logan, R.A.S.C., Major Harvey, R.A.M.C., Sgt. Webb, R.A.M.C., Capt. Douglas, R.S., L/Cpl. Murphy, R.E. Signals.

The Army 2nd XI will play the I.R.C. 2nd XI on the Army ground at Sookunpoo, and the following have been selected to play for the Army.

Capt. Lawrence, R.I.A.S.C., Major Swyts, R.A.M.C., Sgt. Grabbe, R.A., Capt. Hook, R.A., Spr. Ratcliffe, R.E., Spr. Tropp, R.E., Lt. Fergus, R. Scots, S/Cpl. Gardner, R.A.O.C., Sgt. Bell, R.A.S.C., Cpl. Blount, R. C. Signals, Pte. Hatfield, 1st Middlesex.

On Sunday the Army will play the K.C.C. on the K.C.C. ground and the following will represent the Army.

Major Grose, R.E., Sgt. Denyer, R.E., 2/Lt. T. A. Pearce, R.A., 2/Lt. J. L. C. Pearce, R.A., Capt. Lawrence, R.I.A.S.C., Capt. De-ward, R.A.S.C., Capt. Holmes, 1st Kumaon Rifles, Capt. Duke, R. Scots, Sgt. Webb, R.A.M.C., Gnr. Gadd, R.A., Pte. Hatfield, 1st Middlesex.

SWIMMING INTERPORT ON: MANILA DUE HERE ON TUESDAY

MISGIVINGS AS TO the effect of the Far Eastern political situation on the proposed Interport swimming contest between Manila and Hong Kong, were set at rest last night when word was received from the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation which stated that the Manila team would be coming.

Manila have asked Victoria Recreation Club, under whose auspices the contest will be held, to endeavour to secure permission from the Police for landing permits for the entire party. Failing permission being forthcoming for the women, P.A.A.F. state, the men only will travel.

In the event of everything falling through it is suggested that V.R.C. send a team to Manila next month and that the Interport be held there. It is understood that the Manila contingent will be arriving in a Japanese liner on Tuesday and

Baseball Club, Cyclones, Indian Softball Club, and the Philippines, whilst the following belong to the latter class: Redreio Bees, Chung Hwa, South China, Royal Engineers, Royal Scots, Royal Artillery, Royal Air Force, the Cosmopolitans, Liga, V.R.C. and Central British Association.

It is also understood that the First Division and Ladies' League will be played on the Kowloon Football ground, whilst the Junior teams will meet on the Central British Ground.

SWIMMING SENSATION

Various whispers of obstruction in the recent harbour race, by a member of Victoria Recreation Club against Miss Lee Po-luen, winner of the harbour race in 1939, will have a culmination this evening when a meeting will be held by the proper authorities at V.R.C. to discuss a letter from South China Athletic Association which alleges that "J. Marques did intentionally foul Miss Lee Po-luen, not less than four times, about 100 yards from the finish of the harbour race."

It is understood that the latter includes a proposition that proper supervision will be instituted at future harbour races.

It is learned that the parties concerned, J. Marques and Miss Lee Po-luen, have been asked to be present this evening.



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Cricket With Taste

A Good Lunch But What About The Game?

Amusing Cricket Reporting

"REPORTING FROM A new angle" might almost be the title of the following article written by R. C. Robertson-Glasgow in the "Sunday Express." It happens to be of peculiar interest as being a comment on the somewhat uncommon effort of a writer in one of the British Colonies to describe a cricket match which apparently took place somewhere in the East.

The "discreet use of censorship" has unfortunately deprived us of any exact knowledge of the venue of the game, but an equally "discreet guess" may be formed by those who know their terrain anywhere east of Suez. However there are no prizes offered for any solutions.

"Through the kindness of Major A. a very enjoyable game of cricket was played on the XY Sports Club ground between P and Q. Lunch was served in the dining hall of Z. The various items of food had been provided by the players, and these were tastefully served up by a band of willing lady helpers. After lunch the Toast to the King was given. This was followed by a speech of thanks by Mr. N to Major M for his unfailing kindness on such occasions, and also a vote of thanks to the ladies who had arranged the lunch so well. After a very enjoyable game, P won by a margin of over ninety runs."

Accent On The Lunch

Thus, with a mild rearrangement of punctuation and a discreet use of censorship, runs the account, which a friend has sent me, of a cricket match between two teams of a British colony in foreign parts. It may strike the casual reader that the section devoted to the play is meagre, that the reference to the luncheon is "bland almost to sickness," and that, in one instance at least, the band of willing lady helpers had arranged the less solid part of the luncheon rather too well. Someone, not I fancy, the Lucullan reporter, has remembered to append the score. It is one deserving of a fuller explanation than it has received. For here, too, there are signs of refreshment. Of the twelve batsmen, number 2 does not appear to have had any innings at all, for against his name there is a mysterious blank space. Nine wickets fell for about 80 runs; but the last wicket pair contributed 92. There follows the ghostly observation "27," suspended in air and anonymity. Extras 4, and total 196. Q replied with only 104.

Be this as it may, it can be regarded as an extreme example of the laudatory method in reporting. "Pick one thing that interests you above all others, and it is almost sure to interest your readers," once remarked a very famous critic. In this case, the refreshments and their service have been picked on; but they excite, rather than sustain, interest. There is lacking a gracious something.

Excessive Praise

Reflecting on these peculiar matters, I began to wonder whether most reporters do not habitually tend to excessive praise. For all that cricketers, who are scarcely less touchy than actors, may state to the contrary, we spend many hours in the search for the good and the beautiful, if not always for the true. To me, at least, the strain has often been severe. I have known an ill-suppressed longing to write some such words as:—

"On the Ground, which, for sheer ugliness, can have few rivals, while the chimneys belched foul smoke, and a bitter wind whistled through the ramshackle Grand Stand which, by the way, is set at a ridiculous angle to the play, before a small, shrivelled and unintelligent herd of spectators, the match between A and B was reluctantly resumed. It had reached a condition which, except to a mind irrevocably sunk in an insane optimism, could lead only to a futile draw. Perhaps it was the continued and ungenerous

absence of a sight-screen at the City End that induced C, who has seldom been seen to less advantage, to strike a paralytic attitude confidently supposed to be a posture of defence and to remain at the crease for thirty minutes before he scored a run between first and second slip, while apparently attempting a leg-glide." Perhaps, after this, I should not be asked to write again; but I should be able to say with "G K C"—"I have laid an egg; I feel better, thank you."

"After That—The Score"

Perhaps, therefore, it would always be safer merely to remark, whenever consistent with truth, that the lunch was tastefully served up by a band of willing lady, or gentlemen helpers, and that "a very enjoyable game of cricket was played." After that, the score.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are the starting times for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Happy Valley Golfers versus Kowloon Golf Club match on Sunday:

Time	Team	Opponent
9.00 & 10.30 a.m.	R. K. Collings and D. S. Edward	A. J. Dennis and A. McKellar
9.05 .. 10.35	A. J. Dennis and A. McKellar	H. F. Phillips and W. S. Hillier
9.10 .. 10.40	H. F. Phillips and W. S. Hillier	K. S. McKenzie and W. Sharp
9.15 .. 10.45	K. S. McKenzie and W. Sharp	A. L. Eastman and T. Low
9.20 .. 10.50	A. L. Eastman and T. Low	W. C. Simpson and W. V. Ahern
9.25 .. 10.55	W. C. Simpson and W. V. Ahern	D. Humphreys and E. C. Fincher
9.30 .. 11.00	D. Humphreys and E. C. Fincher	H. Smith and A. W. Ramsay
9.35 .. 11.05	H. Smith and A. W. Ramsay	G. E. Willerton and W. A. Stewart
9.40 .. 11.10	G. E. Willerton and W. A. Stewart	D. Forbes and F. C. Barry
9.45 .. 11.15	F. C. Barry and A. H. Penn	J. D. Thomson and N. J. Bebbington
9.50 .. 11.20	J. D. Thomson and N. J. Bebbington	T. Lamb and G. Davies
9.55 .. 11.25	T. Lamb and G. Davies	A. A. Lopes and T. B. Low
10.00 .. 11.30	A. A. Lopes and T. B. Low	W. Kershaw and N. J. Booker
10.05 .. 11.35	W. Kershaw and N. J. Booker	H. J. Grose and W. Stoker
10.10 .. 11.40	H. J. Grose and W. Stoker	E. C. Murphy and E. Greenwood
10.15 .. 11.45	E. C. Murphy and E. Greenwood	R. K. Collings and A. J. Dennis
10.20 .. 11.50	R. K. Collings and A. J. Dennis	D. S. Edward and A. McKellar
10.25 .. 11.55	D. S. Edward and A. McKellar	H. F. Phillips and W. S. Hillier

AFTERNOON TIMES

Time	Team	Opponent
2.15 p.m.	R. K. Collings and A. J. Dennis	D. S. Edward and A. McKellar
2.20 ..	D. S. Edward and A. McKellar	H. F. Phillips and W. S. Hillier
2.25 ..	H. F. Phillips and W. S. Hillier	K. S. McKenzie and W. Sharp
2.30 ..	K. S. McKenzie and W. Sharp	A. L. Eastman and T. Low
2.35 ..	A. L. Eastman and T. Low	W. C. Simpson and W. V. Ahern
2.40 ..	W. C. Simpson and W. V. Ahern	D. Humphreys and E. C. Fincher
2.45 ..	D. Humphreys and E. C. Fincher	H. Smith and A. W. Ramsay
2.50 ..	H. Smith and A. W. Ramsay	G. E. Willerton and W. A. Stewart

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches on the "Y" ground at King's Park this week:

TO-DAY
2nd XI v R.A.S.C. (6 p.m.)—Benwell, Killeen and Ralston; Heptonstall, Gilchrist and Smith; Banks, McGahan, Spire, Irson and Bevan.

SATURDAY
2nd XI v H. M. Destroyer (5 p.m.)—Fishlock, Killeen and Ralston; Croft, Gilchrist and McGahan; Smith, Dorrner, Spire, Grant and Banks.

CLUB RUGBY TRIAL

Club are holding their second and last Rugby Trial at the Valley to-day, commencing at 5.15 p.m.

Following are the teams:
Colours:—F. M. Thompson; D. H. Stewart, H. D. Bidwell, J. C. Charter and D. I. Bosanquet; G. G. Aitkenhead and J. Thomson; E. W. Stout, R. G. Castleton, C. M. Stark, L. A. Benn, J. Moodie, J. Redman, J. K. Birt and A. L. Thomas.

Whites:—J. Moore; T. O. Morgan, M. G. Carruthers, D. G. Day and H. Van Leeuwen; E. Jones, and A. Clemo; R. E. Heaseman, J. S. Dunnett, A. M. Kennedy, E. W. R. Hackett, C. Needham, I. M. Macrae, A. J. G. Taylor and G. B. Godfrey.

Following reserves will be called on to play and are requested to turn out ready for play.

Colours:—H. L. Didsbury, R. C. Gairdner, G. G. Davies, R. Leigh, S. Lee and J. Roscoe.
Stripes:—K. W. Forrow, A. G. Gratton, H. F. Hopkins, D. B. Nelson, C. G. Tressider and P. B. Wilson.

ABBAS AND JONES IN SEMI-FINAL

M. R. Abbas and J. F. Jones entered the Semi-Final of the Open Singles Lawn Bowls championship yesterday when they beat C. C. Pereira and W. J. Howard respectively at the Kowloon Football Club.

Abbas won comfortably and was at no time over extended but the other game between Jones and Howard was close affair, a two at the 24th head enabling Jones to win.

Following are the detailed scores.

Head	M. R. Abbas	C. C. Pereira
1	4	0
2	1	0
3	1	0
4	0	3
5	2	3
6	0	8
7	2	10
8	2	12
9	1	13
10	2	15
11	0	15
12	1	16
13	2	18
14	0	18
15	0	18
16	1	19
17	0	19
18	2	21

H.K.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. against Craigengower C.C. at H.K.C.C. at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 19:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, Capt. A. J. Dewar, Surg. Lt.-Com. W. G. Finnie, J. H. Fox, T. G. C. Knight, R. M. King, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

"Swimming Enthusiast"—It is learned that the matter on which you write is being investigated by the proper authorities and an official statement has been promised for to-morrow. Sports Ed.

LEN HARVEY WANTS FIGHT WITH FARR

While I am not arguing that there is going to be a terrific boom in the boxing business—how can you have that bang in the middle of a war?—I do fancy we are to have some first-class scraps inside the next couple of months, writes Len Harvey in the "Sunday Express."

There is even talk of a heavy-weight championship affair between Tommy Farr and a certain Len Harvey! Anyhow, I note that Tommy is around to say he is ready to meet me down in Cardiff sometime next September.

Splendid. But why Cardiff? Supposing I can get the necessary Air Force leave to train for a fight with Farr, and that's pretty much up in the air remembering what this old island is facing, the logical spot for the meeting would be London.

The Red Cross, I imagine, would get a better cash return from such a contest in the metropolis. Maybe all boxing Wales would want to see Farr in action, but the thought occurs that quite a slice of pugilistic London would like to see me.

Big Money Certain

Anyhow, I suggest that a Farr-Harvey fight is the one most customers would be ready to pay fair-sized money to see. And I don't believe the big money is in Wales.

Folk here and there have criticised me for wanting around £6,000 to cross gloves with Tommy. They quote figures that operated before the war.

Now, how much would I want to fight Farr? Maybe any one ready to talk business these days would discover that I am prepared to adjust my ideas to present circumstances. I am not wanting the moon, or even a slice of it.

Believe me, I know there is nothing so timid as £6,000 in peace days, let alone when there is a war on. Let's leave it at that.

Northern "Natural"

Moving down the fight weights we find that the "feathers" championship brawl between Nel Tarleton and Tom Smith, the Sunderland boy, is hanging fire.

Smith wants a guarantee from promoter Johnny Best before taking a crack at the title-holder on Anfield football ground. Johnny Best seems to be standing by his offer of 20 per cent. of the takings.

Whatever the outcome of this argument, I feel that Smith will yet be in there with Tarleton. This is a northern "natural"; when it is staged I am ready to see Nel, for all his grand ringcraft, lose to the Sunderland challenger.

Ronnie James is waiting among the light-weights for a chance to meet Eric Boon, the big-hearted, strong-punching champion. Wanting to speed up things generally, the Boxing Board say they will recognise any scrap between these boys as being for the title, always assuming it conforms to championship conditions.

Most of us want to be on hand when Boon climbs into the ring for this title defence. Why? Because he will be meeting an opponent packing a punch that matches his own. It should be a repeat of the Boon-Danahar classic—with a different ending, maybe.

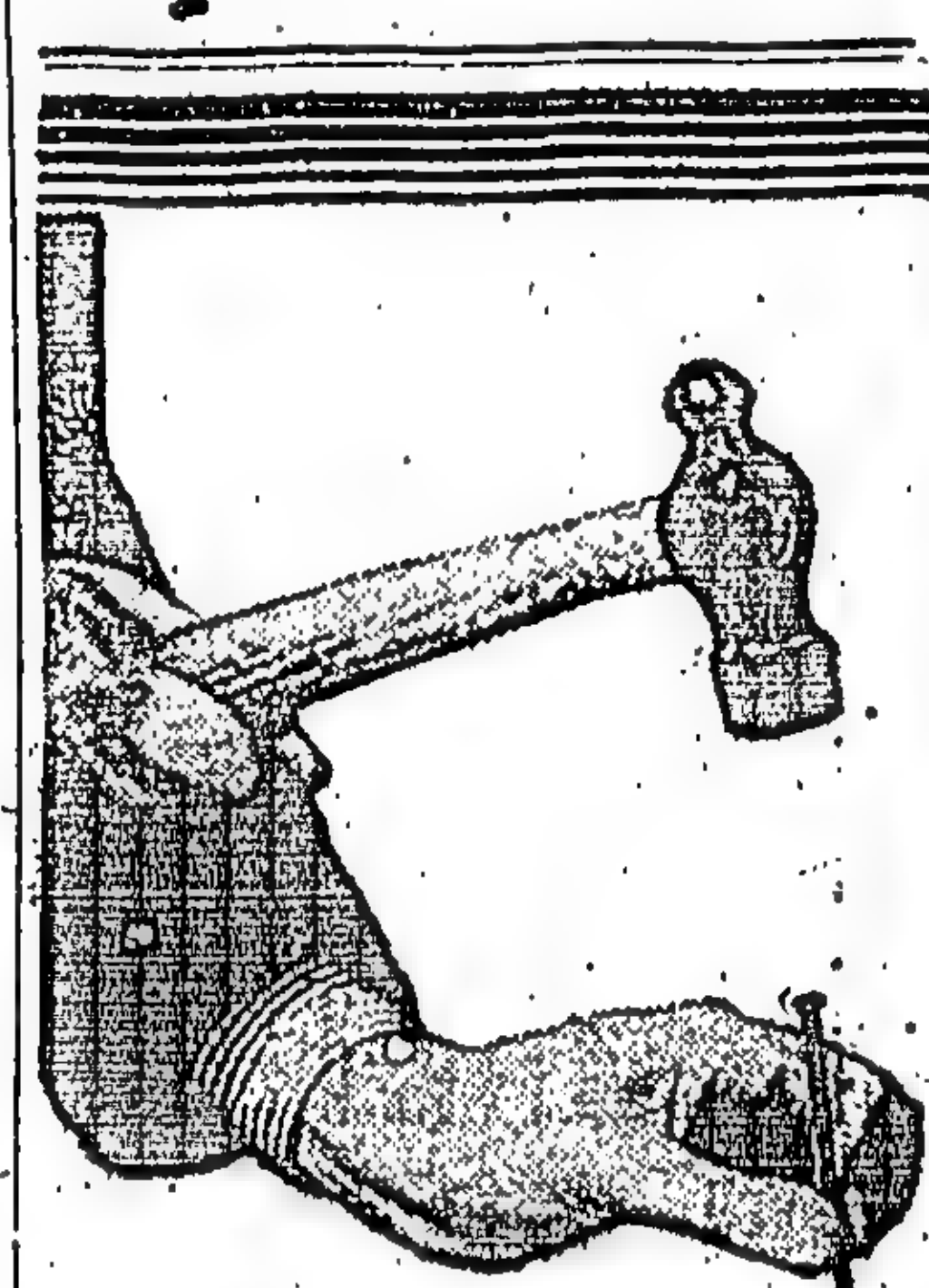
Roderick v. McAvoy?

Just up the scale there is Arthur Danahar clamouring for a chance

to grab the welter crown from Ernie Roderick. If this match materialises and the challenger can turn in the sort of showing he made licking Roderick on points at Earl's Court, then the south should have a new champion.

Yet there could be business for Roderick elsewhere. Isn't Jack McAvoy waiting for a middle-weight opponent with Bert Gilroy temporarily out of action? I think so.

Why not, then, a contest between Jock o' Rochdale and the Liverpool lad? It needs only the Boxing Board's blessing to fill Belle Vue, Anfield, or whatever northern arena you like to name.



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RUSSIA AND BALKANS

Obvious Anxiety To Avoid Clash With Hitler

MOSCOW CONTRADICTS BERLIN

The statement that the Soviet Government was informed in advance of the aims and of the number of troops sent to Rumania by Germany does not correspond to the facts, the "Tass" news agency was authorised to state in Moscow yesterday.

NAZI DEATH PENALTIES IN FRANCE

The death penalty has been imposed by the German authorities in occupied France for the "crime" of harbouring British subjects, according to the Paris Radio.

Persons sheltering Britons are given five days to report. Britons within meaning of the decree include residents of the Dominions and Colonies. Another decree of the German

Faced Now With Challenge To Interests

RUSSIA'S WHOLE diplomacy in the past twelve months has been marked by an obvious anxiety to avoid conflict with Germany, says the "Daily Telegraph" in a leader on Russia and the Balkans.

Russia, says the paper, has tolerated a good deal of German high-handedness rather than engage in a dispute, but Germany on the Straits would be a challenge to her interests and security which must surely compel her to think again.

Indeed, she may well be considering whether she was not seriously wrong in the apparent complacent assumption that the Pact with Japan was not as much directed against herself as against the United States.

It is probable that she will be compelled by the march of events to show her hand before long and her attitude is naturally receiving the keen attention of Turkey.

The "Daily Telegraph" concludes by declaring that the long arm of British sea-power and the growing strength of her land and air forces in the Middle East will assure the Axis of a hot reception in any Levantine adventure it may have in contemplation.—Reuter.

Schulenberg Returns

The German Radio announces that Herr Von Schulenberg, Ambassador to Moscow, returned here after several weeks in Berlin.—Reuter.

military administration imposes the death penalty for sheltering fugitive prisoners of war of French or other nationality.—Reuter.

NAVAL ACTION OFF SICILY

(Continued from Page 1)

"Our experience at the sinking of the Italian cruiser "Bar. Tolomeo Colleoni" on July 19 when our rescuing destroyers were bombed by Italian aircraft made it impossible for our ships to take any further measures for the safety of the survivors.

"It was known, moreover, that an Italian air concentration and one Italian submarine were in the vicinity.

Little Damage

"During these spirited and successful actions, Ajax had only a few casualties and the only damage suffered was superficial, above the waterline and in no way impaired her fighting efficiency.

"These are the actions in which the Italian High Command communique, while admitting the loss of two small and one large destroyer, claimed that a British cruiser probably of the Neptune class had been sunk.

"Afterwards, the British warships were attacked by enemy aircraft for four hours. Despite the Italian High Command communique claim that one British aircraft-carrier and one heavy cruiser were hit, none of the British ships suffered either damage or casualty, while four enemy aircraft were certainly shot down by fighters of the Fleet Air Arm, and A. A. fire, besides two others probably destroyed. All the British aircraft returned safely.

"During Sunday night, aircraft of the fleet attacked the port of Lago in the Dodecanese, achieving complete surprise. Barracks, workshops, hangars and petrol dumps were hit and set ablaze. All British aircraft returned safely.

Submarine Successes

"British submarines likewise achieved successes in the Mediterranean. One submarine successfully bombed military objectives in Port Savona, sank a 5,000-ton armed merchant ship, escorted by E-boats, off Genoa and also sank an armed merchant ship of 3,000 tons in the Vado Roads.

"Another submarine sank an enemy supply ship of about 3,000 tons off Naples and a third submarine sank an enemy supply ship of about 800 tons off Benghazi.

"During the night of Saturday-Sunday, aircraft cooperated with warships in successfully bombarding enemy troop concentrations at Sidi Barrani, the communique concludes.—Reuter.

New Complement

It was announced a few months ago that H.M.S. Ajax had returned to service with a new complement of officers and men and that in addition to remedying the scars she received in the battle in the south Atlantic, naval constructors had mended such defects of construction as were revealed in ac-



General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister, inspecting Polish air squadrons now serving with the R.A.F. (Copyright, Fox).

HONG KONG DONATES AMBULANCE

Recent subscriptions received by the B.W.O.F. for the special object of supplying ambulances for use in England now amount to \$5,127. An offer had been received for the supply of one ambulance ex works, England, for £360. (approximately \$5,800).

Owing to probabilities of advancing prices, it was decided to close with the offer and to make up the balance from the funds of the B.W.O.F. It is hoped that further subscriptions will be forthcoming to cover this balance and for further similar purchases.

The ambulance donated will bear the lettering:

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CHINA CONSULAR APPOINTMENTS

The National Government yesterday appointed Mr. Teh-ming to be Chinese consul at Penang, and Mr. Shen Wei-lan to be Consul-General at Khabarovsk in the U.S.S.R.

Mr. Huang Ting-kai, outgoing Chinese consul at Penang, has been recalled to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—Central News.

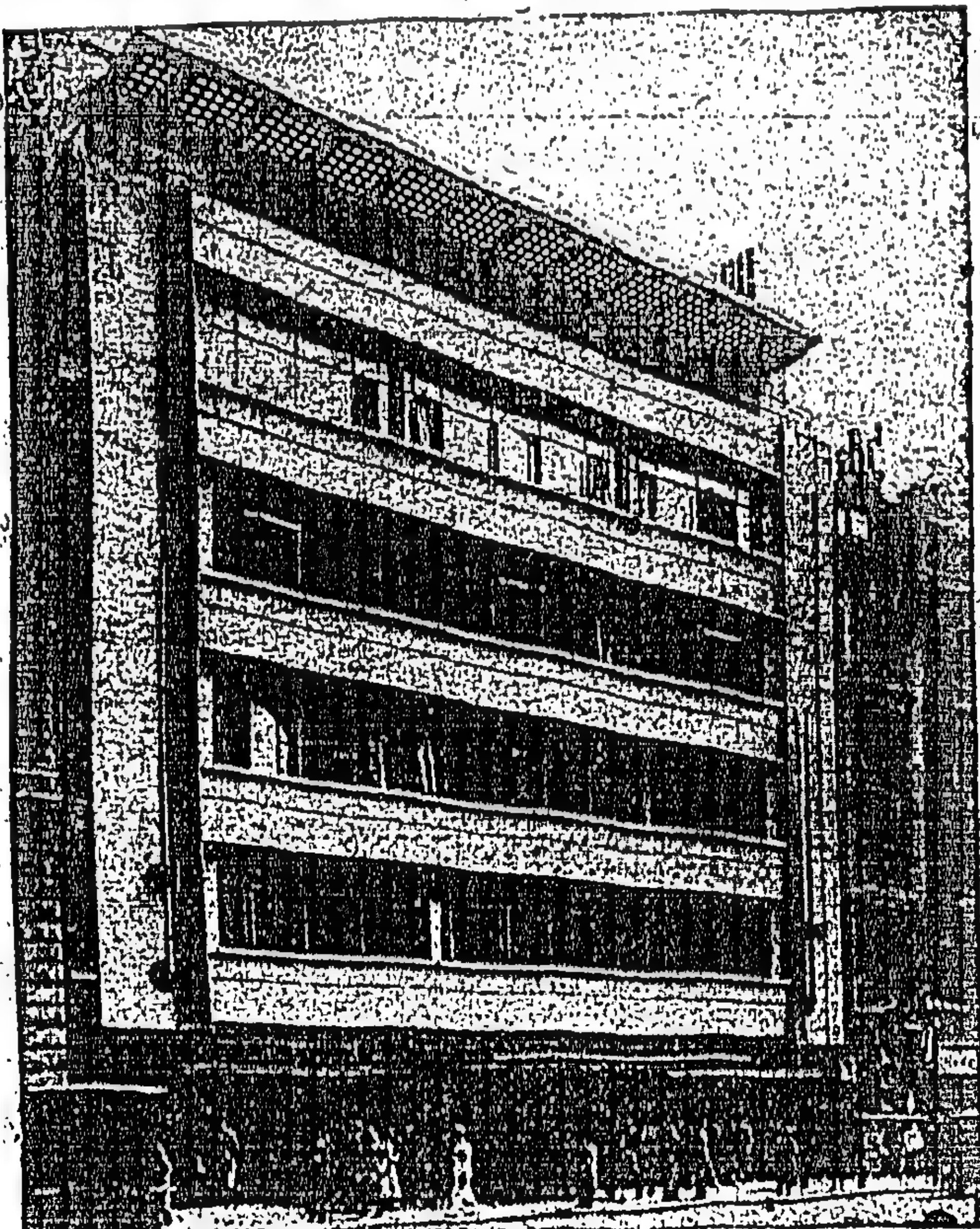
tion to the advantage of her fighting efficiency.

Few of her former officers were with her on her return to service but about half of the men of the lower deck who participated in the battle remained to amass more laurels in the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

Extensive Sweep

The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, reports that the Ajax action took place when H.M. ships under his command were carrying out an extensive sweep in the eastern and Central Mediterranean. No contact was made between our main forces and the main forces of enemy and there has been no indication that the enemy main force proceeded to sea.—British Wireless.

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ANGLO-CHINESE TALKS

The Chinese Ambassador in London, Mr. Quo Tai-chi called at the Foreign Office last evening.

It is understood that questions arising from the re-opening of the Burma Road were discussed.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi first saw Lord Halifax, with whom he had a conversation lasting three-quarters of an hour. Afterwards he had a long talk with Mr. R. A. Butler.

The talks are described as having occurred in a most cordial atmosphere.

It is stated in Chinese quarters in London that among the subjects discussed was the possibility of Anglo-Chinese cooperation, including practical assistance. — Reuters.

H.M.S. Ajax Again Takes Bulk Of The Honours

H.M.S. AJAX, WHICH COVERED ITSELF WITH GLORY IN THE BATTLE OF THE PLATE, TOOK THE LEADING PART IN A FURTHER NAVAL ACTION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, THE FULL STORY OF WHICH WAS RELEASED LAST NIGHT BY THE ADMIRALTY.

KONOYE'S STRONG ARM SQUAD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Known as the Konoye Elite Guard, 50 stalwart Japanese youths took over their duties of guarding Premier Prince Konoye's villa at Karuizawa yesterday. They will be assigned to the villa all the year round. — Havas.

H.M.S. Ajax, which is a light cruiser of 7,000-tons, equipped with eight 6-inch guns, sank two Italian destroyers during the action, crippled a third and put the remainder of the Italian forces, including a heavy cruiser, to flight.

Describing the battle, which occurred last Saturday off Sicily, the Admiralty states:—

"During operations in the Eastern and Central Mediterranean, His Majesty's Ajax made contact with three Italian destroyers of the 679-ton 'Airione' class about 80 miles south-east of Sicily.

"Ajax immediately engaged and two Italian destroyers sank outright," states the Admiralty communique, quoting the report from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

"Shortly after this encounter, Ajax sighted an enemy force composed of one heavy cruiser and four destroyers.

"Ajax again engaged and succeeded in crippling one of the enemy's destroyers. The remainder of the force escaped in the darkness.

"Believing Ajax to be in touch with considerable enemy forces, H.M.S. York came up in support, but no further contact was made with the enemy that night.

Big Craft

"With the assistance of aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm, the crippled destroyer was located at dawn in tow of another Italian destroyer which had gallantly come to her assistance.

"Upon the arrival of Ajax, the towing destroyer slipped her tow and made off at fast speed in the direction of Sicily under cover of a smoke screen.

"It was then ascertained that the damaged destroyer was the 1,620-ton 'Artigliere' of the latest class of large Italian destroyers.

"H.M.S. York soon came on the scene and the crew of the 'Artigliere' at once began to abandon ship. Our forces allowed half an hour for the abandoning of the ship and then sank her by gunfire.

Rafts Dropped

"H.M.S. York dropped rafts to supplement the boats of the

KUNMING HAVOC

Effect of Raids Exaggerated

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") ALTHOUGH SOME DAMAGE WAS DONE DURING THE BOMBING OF KUNMING BY 27 JAPANESE PLANES ON OCTOBER 10/13, PRESS REPORTS FROM THE BOMBED CITY GREATLY EXAGGERATED THE LOSSES SUFFERED. A. T. STEELE, FAR EASTERN CORRESPONDENT OF THE "CHICAGO TRIBUNE" DECLARED ON HIS ARRIVAL IN CHUNGKING FROM KUNMING.

Ninety per cent of the population left the city during the bombing, while the remainder behaved admirably, he added.

Aerial torpedoes struck several large buildings but the damage done was probably less than the value of the bombs dropped.

His railway trip from Hanoi to Kunming, he said, left him with the impression that any Japanese attempt to invade Yunnan would be fraught with huge obstacles for the invaders. — Havas.

FORMAL DENIAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The official Soviet news agency, Tass, formally denies reports from foreign sources that negotiations are being conducted between Turkey, Russia, Greece, Yugoslavia and Britain with regard to German expansion to the Near East. — Havas.

HUGE RUSSIAN CONCENTRATION ON FRONTIER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

REPORTS IN BUDAPEST of huge Soviet concentrations on the Rumanian frontier have caused considerable excitement in Balkan quarters, despite the assurances of the Soviet Legation in Bucharest that the moves are "merely manoeuvres."

(According to a Reuter despatch from Bucharest, Soviet troops have penetrated into Rumania to the mouth of the Danube, advancing as far as Sulina).

The Soviet Minister in Bucharest admits that 20 Soviet Divisions have been massed, but he declares that this is a routine move.

The concentrations are reported to include motorised and aviation units, as well as infantry.

Along the east Bessarabian coast are four monitors of the Danubian Fleet.

Heavy artillery emplacements have been installed at Reni, 20 miles below Galatz (the chief Rumanian port occupied by the Germans).

Russia's Displeasure

The first authentic, semi-official indication of Soviet Russia's displeasure at the German move is

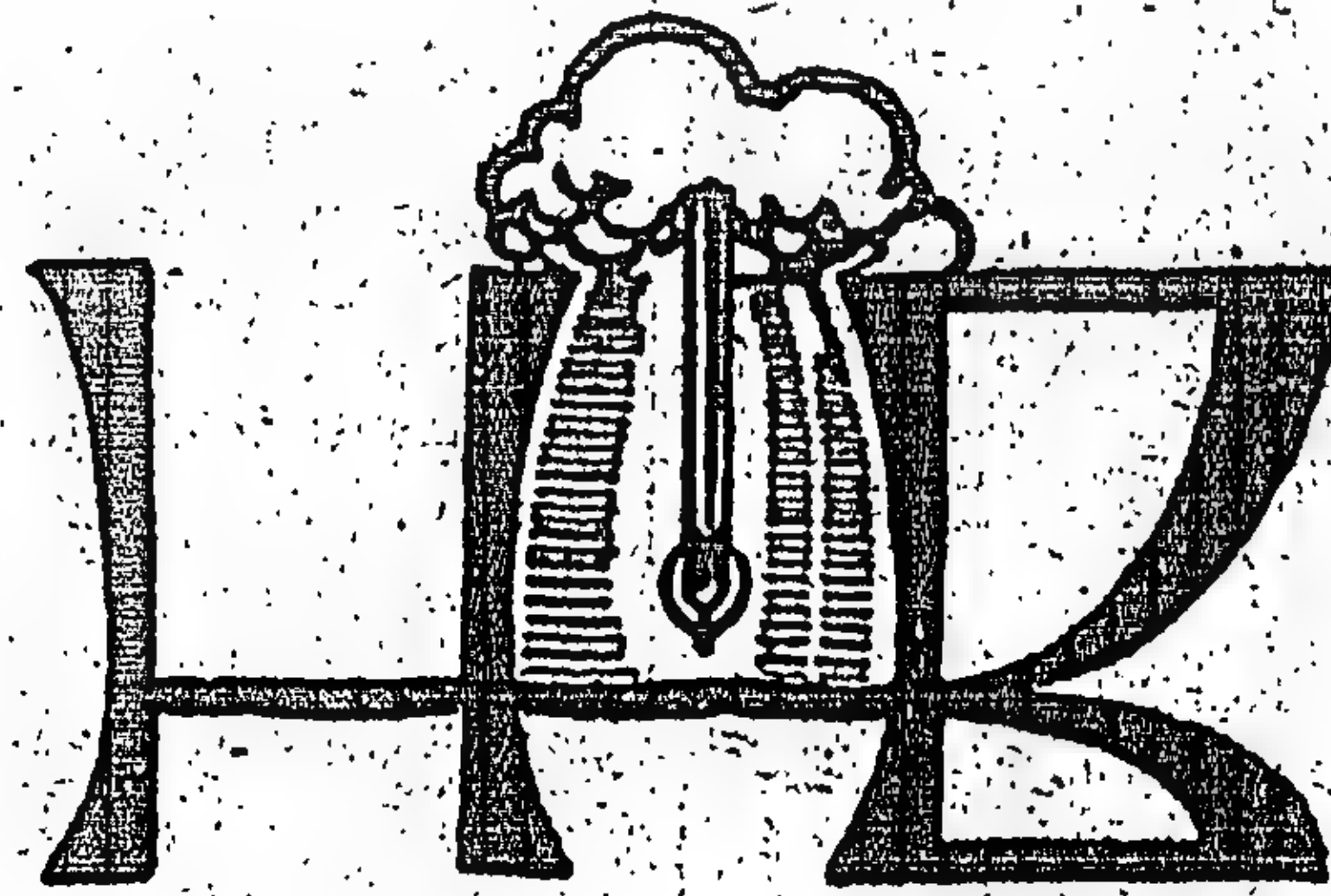
provided by Tass, the official Soviet news agency, which denies that any negotiations are being conducted between Russia, Britain, Turkey, Yugoslavia and Greece over the German expansion, and at the same time denies that Russia was informed in advance of the German plans. — International News Service.

Britons Leaving

The Foreign Under-Secretary told the Commons yesterday that a large number of British subjects and some members of the staff of the British Legation at Bucharest have already left Rumania. — British Wireless.

WEATHER FORECAST: — East winds, moderate; fair.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

NEW PHASE OF AIR WAR

British And Nazi Losses Approximately Equal

Luftwaffe Concentrates On Night Raids

WHEN A YELLOW-NOSE Messerschmidt 109 was shot down in the Isle of Wight yesterday afternoon, the Nazi pilot stopped a corn merchant's lorry and told the driver in good English to drive him to the nearest military centre. The driver promptly obliged.

The Air Ministry in London stated that in yesterday's activities, nine enemy aircraft were shot down by our fighters up to 4.30 p.m. Ten of our fighters are reported missing.

ANOTHER THOUSAND MILLIONS

According to a White Paper issued yesterday giving supplementary estimates for general navy, army and air services and military supply, Parliament will be asked to vote further credit of one thousand million sterling. The last credit of a thousand millions was granted in July. —British Wireless.

SHANGHAI AGITATION

A secret organisation which aims at rendition of the International Settlement and the French Concession is reported to have been formed in Shanghai by the Wang Ching-wei regime.

The organisation, which is named "Vanguard Unit of the Greater East Asia Reconstruction Commission," is said to be under Ku Chi-wu, so-called Minister of Social Affairs.

Anti-British and anti-American handbills were distributed by the organisation early this month. —Central News.



CAN'T SLEEP NIGHTS?

A hot cup of Cocomalt before retiring induces sound and restful sleep.



2APB2

Six enemy raiders are reported to have been destroyed in quick succession in attacks attempted yesterday over the Kent Coast, the Thames Estuary and various places in home counties.

A strong A. A. barrage and Royal Air Force fighters caused formations to break up and retreat back over the coast.

A few machines got through to London and some damage was reported, mostly to houses, although some casualties were reported when bombs dropped on a large confectionery factory. —Reuter.

The Night Raid

The night raid on London yesterday opened quieter than recent days, but enemy aircraft arrived in small groups roughly every four minutes.

The A. A. barrage opened up a vigorous fire. —Reuter.

The Communique

The Air Ministry announced in a communique last night: "There have been a number of attacks on this country by enemy aircraft, mostly fighters. In the first attack, at about 9 o'clock, some bombers also crossed the coast and a few penetrated to London. In London, a certain number of bombs have been dropped in the south and east but the damage does not appear to have been heavy.

The number of casualties were few, but some persons were killed. Elsewhere a few bombs have been dropped but no serious damage is reported. —British Wireless.

WEYGAND TO BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Under the chairmanship of Marshal Petain, the Vichy Council of Ministers yesterday decided to dissolve the High Mediterranean Committee.

The committee included the Governor-General of Algeria and the Residents-General of Morocco and Tunisia, and was charged with the task of co-ordinating action in the French possessions of North Africa.

The task of co-ordination is now entrusted to General Maxime Weygand, who is now in Africa as the Government's special delegate, and the work of the committee is now considered no longer necessary.

Another decision of the Council specified that the Secretariat-General of the French War Veterans Association should be attached to the Home Ministry. Previously, it was connected with the War Ministry. —Havas.



Thousands of men and women in the East End of London are looking forward to their annual "holiday" in the hop fields. Far from being reluctant to leave their homes for the hop fields this year, the pickers are eagerly looking forward to their task. Some of the gardens are in defence areas, but Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, has stated that he understood no permits would be required by hop-pickers to enter those districts. Owners of gardens, have had trenches dug for shelter in case of raids. Photo shows men digging trenches to be used as shelters in case of air raids. (Copyright, Fox).

R.A.F. RAID ON BENGHAZI

THE AIR MINISTRY News Service has made public the details of a series of raids carried out on October 13/14 on Benghazi by bombing aircraft of the R.A.F.

During the first raid, the main railway sidings were attacked with great success and one ship moored at the Mole D'Italia received a direct hit.

EGYPT'S DECISION

EGYPT WAS NOT A COUNTRY OF IMPATIENCE. IT WAS A COUNTRY OF DEMOCRACY, AND HER INTERESTS WERE INTIMATELY BOUND UP WITH THOSE OF GREAT BRITAIN. DECLARED LORD LLOYD, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES, YESTERDAY IN LONDON.

Lord Lloyd added that if the people of Egypt had their way, there would be no doubt on which side in this war their energies and sympathies would lie.

He said that he was perfectly content to await the decision of the Egyptian people and he was certain that it would be one of enormous help to the cause for which Britain was fighting. —Reuter.

A BETTER NYLON, JAPAN CLAIMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A substitute for silk which, it is claimed, is superior to the American invention called "Nylon," has been discovered by Professor Rishoki, of Kyoto Imperial University.

It is the result of several months of experiments. It resists heat and moisture, while conserving its elasticity. It will actually resist heat up to boiling point, it is claimed. —Havas.

During another raid, the jetty and wharves were the main objectives. Bombs fell among the buildings on the quay and started fires.

Direct hits were also registered on the main mole and a number of bombs fell on the barracks. The largest ship in harbour was bombed and hit.

A very large fire was started near the seaplane hangar and direct hits were registered by the last raiders on buildings along the water front and a direct hit was scored on a medium-sized ship.

All R.A.F. aircraft returned from this highly successful operation without loss.

Bardia and the encampment at Sofafi, Buq Buq, were raided during the evening of October 13, all bombs falling in the target area, but it was not possible to ascertain the full extent of the damage.

In Eritrea, military objectives at Gura were again subjected to an intense air attack. A direct hit on a large building started a series of explosions.

Three hangars were bombed with success and a subsequent low level dive attack resulted in six small and two large buildings being completely burnt out.

Fires were also started on the south side of the main road. —British Wireless.

REFUGEE BOY'S GIFT

Among gifts towards the purchase of aircraft acknowledged by the Minister for Aircraft Production is eight shillings from a German refugee boy aged eleven. —British Wireless.

NEW CODE OF DISCIPLINE IN SOVIET

"DISCIPLINE OF THE RED ARMY MUST BE STRONGER, HIGHER AND MORE EXACTING THAN IN OTHER ARMIES WHERE DISCIPLINE IS BASED ON CLASS SUBORDINATION," DECLARES THE NEWSPAPER "RED STAR" IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY, COMMENTING ON MARSHAL TIMOSHENKO'S NEW DISCIPLINARY CODE FOR THE RED ARMY.

The "Red Star" continues: "The tense international situation compels us to be in a state of constant and complete military preparedness."

The code gives officers complete authority to use force in order to restore discipline. Officers who do not show firmness and take necessary measures will be tried by court martial.

The code also provides severe penalties for officers who are held to be inefficient. —Reuter.

ANOTHER BREACH OF FAITH?

In connection with reports that British prisoners of war had been seen at work clearing up debris around Calais, Sir Edward Grigg, Joint Parliamentary Secretary of State, War Office, said yesterday that this was contrary to the Geneva convention.

If the reports are confirmed, a strong protest will be lodged with the German Government.

Sir Edward Grigg said that we are not using prisoners of war to fill in bomb craters, etc., because even if the enemy breaks the convention, we should not.

He also said that British prisoners of war are being rationed like the German troops, but the scale is lower than in Britain. —Reuter.

TRIBE'S OFFER TO THE KING

In a personal message to His Majesty, the Paramount Chief Abong, of the Turkana Tribe, in Kenya, has offered to the King the services of all young men in the Tribe and has asked the Kenya military authorities to make them soldiers.

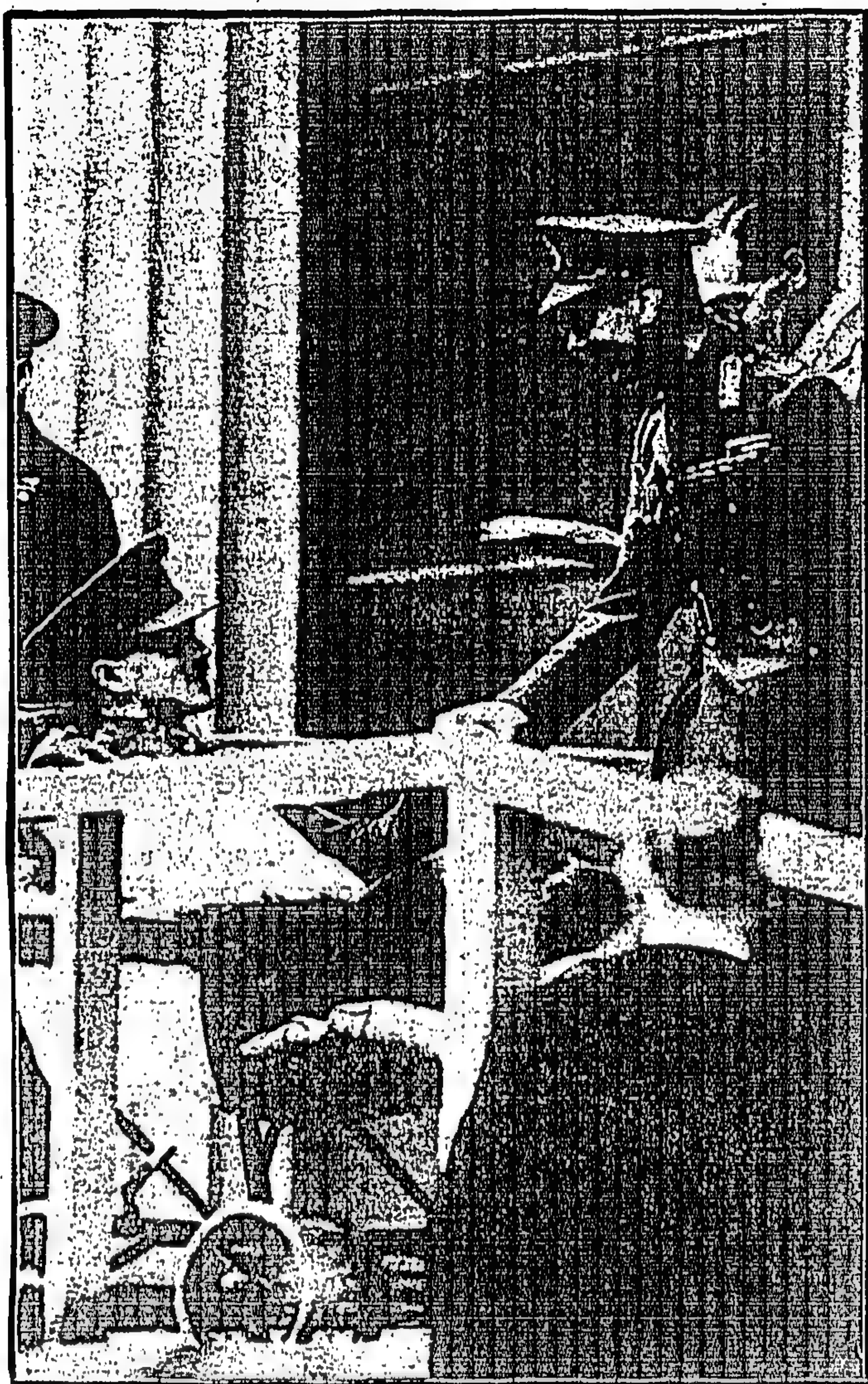
It may be recalled that the warlike Turkana Tribe has been recently in action with the British troops in patrol work along the Kenya-Abyssinia front west lake. —Reuter.

ACTIVITY ON STOCK EXCHANGE

On the London Stock Exchange yesterday, a sharp rise in gilt-edged stock was the chief feature of the day's trading.

War Loans closed 13s. 9d. higher at £102.15s. which is the highest reached in the current year. Industrials and gold-minings were quietly steady while home rails tended to strengthen. Japanese bonds improved. Wall Street was steady. —Reuter.

Mr. Churchill And Britain's War Aims: Says Victory First Little Purpose In Being Specific



War heroes were decorated by H.M. the King at Buckingham Palace recently. Photo shows H.M. the King congratulating Captain Peter Rowell, of the Lincolnshires, seated in his bath chair, after he had presented him with the M.C. (Copyright, Fox).

AMERICAN EVACUATION NOT FOR FREE CHINA

In connection with the preparations by the United States Government to evacuate American nationals from the Far East, it is learned that, hitherto, no instructions have been received regarding the evacuation of American nationals in Free China.

The American Embassy office in Chungking has not been informed of any plan to evacuate Americans in Free China.

There are about 150 American nationals at present residing in Chungking of whom very few have expressed any intention to evacuate if instructions are received for evacuation.

There is at present no American Consul-General in Chungking. All American nationals in Free China will receive instructions if any, from the American Consul-General in Kunming.—Reuter.

Ready To Leave Peking

The first batch of American evacuees, numbering 100, will be leaving Peking for the United States at the end of the month, according to "Domel" newsagency in Tokyo.

The group consists of the families of the Embassy and the em-

JAPANESE TIENTSIN EMBARGO RULES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Japanese military spokesman at Tientsin has given to the press the code of regulations established for the control of raw materials necessary for light industry.

The code was promulgated on September 5 but has not yet been published.

It stipulates the Army's right to purchase at fixed prices all raw materials classified as materials for military requirements.

Permits for the transport of within and without North China will be issued by the Army only in cases of goods found unsuitable for Army use.

The list of raw materials subject to examination and eventual purchase by the Army includes the majority of North China staple exports, such as raw cotton, hemp, jute, hair, wool, furs, and skins. Only pig bristles are exempt.

The regulation will seriously affect North China's foreign trade, particularly with the United States, since the restrictions on exports will result in a corresponding reduction in imports, the latter depending on the availability of foreign currency which is usually obtained through exports.—Havas.

ployees who will go first. Approximately another 250 American women and children are making preparations for evacuation.—Reuter.

MR. WINSTON Churchill's confidence in the outcome of the war and Germany's eventual defeat was again manifested yesterday when he was questioned in the House of Commons on Britain's war aims.

The Prime Minister declared that the time had not yet come when any official declaration could be made beyond very carefully considered general statements which had already appeared.

Asked to indicate that Britain was not fighting a war to maintain the status quo, Mr. Churchill retorted that he did not think anyone had the opinion that Britain was fighting merely in order to survive—a statement which received cheers.

"When," Mr. Churchill added, "our capacity to do that is more generally recognised throughout the world and when the conviction we have about it becomes more general, then we shall be in a good position to take a further view of what we shall do with that victory when it is won.

Great Danger

"I think our great danger is in making statements which are not of a very general character on this subject—take for instance the attitude to be adopted towards the enemy when he is defeated—in that you will find very different opinions prevailing about it." —Reuter.

A Better World

It was urged upon the Premier that an important factor in victory would be the assurance felt throughout the world that Britain stood ready to lead in organising a better world.

He pointed out in reply the great dangers of general statements and voiced his conviction that world opinion was in little doubt about the British cause and wholeheartedly endorsed it.

The question of war aims was subsequently raised on the adjournment, and Mr. Duff-Cooper, replying for the Government, said that while everyone was aware for what Britain was fighting that was a different matter from a formal statement of war aims.

Unanimity Needed

Any statement the government might make must be one which would command the greatest possible unanimity not only among parties in Britain but also in the great Dominions and among those who were our friends and Allies.

The war, said Mr. Duff-Cooper, was destroying a great part of the political, social, and economic, as well as the material structure of the world, and it would be a duty after victory was achieved to rebuild a better, saner, more beautiful fabric.

It was a duty even now to be thinking how it could be rebuilt.

Speaking of political organisation, the Minister pointed to the British Commonwealth of nations as the great exemplar for a combination of nations.—British Wireless.

RAIDS ON MIDLANDS

DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, THERE WERE 33 ENEMY AIR RAIDS ON THE MIDLANDS.

Total casualties were: 170 killed, 180 seriously injured and 330 slightly injured.

During the same period, 183 persons were killed in road accidents in part of the Midlands.—Reuter.

DINNER PARTY FOR GOVERNOR

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL F. E. NORTON, ACTING GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, WAS THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT A DINNER GIVEN LAST NIGHT BY THE FOUR CHINESE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE HON. SIR ROBERT KOTEWALL.

His Excellency was accompanied by Captain S. H. Batty-Smith.

Among those present were His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. N. L. Smith, the

HITLER SAYS VICTORY IS SAFE—IF

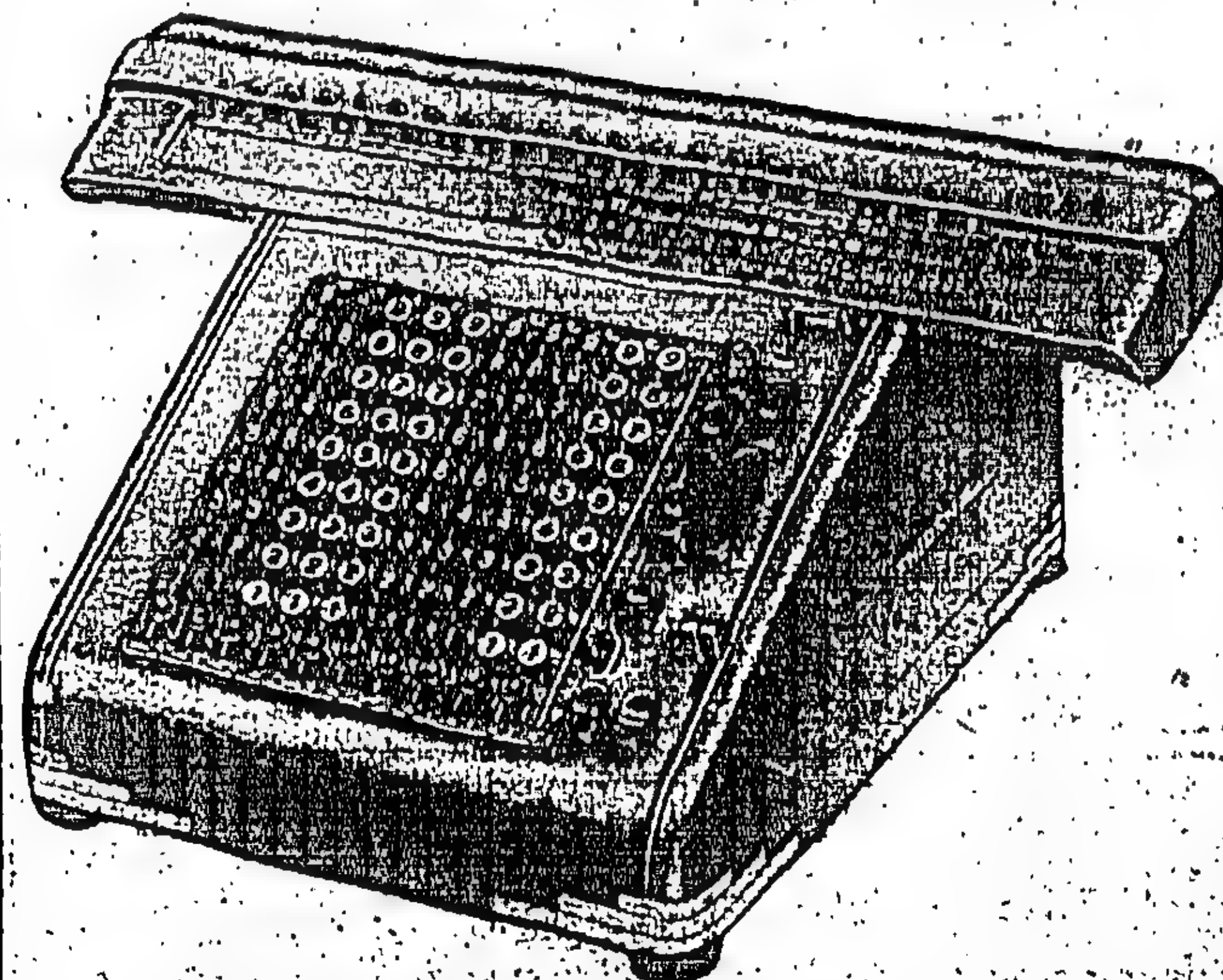
"Absolute confidence in German victory" was expressed by Hitler yesterday in a brief address to the deputation of German farmers whom he received at the Chancellery in Berlin.

"Victory is safe," Hitler added, "if every German does his best at his post—the farmer on his fields, the worker in his factory and the soldier at the front." —Reuter.

Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Mr. R. A. C. North, Sir Shouson Chow, the Attorney-General, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. Eu Tong-sen, and other distinguished personalities.

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CONGRESS CRITICISED: BUT MR. GANDHI'S MILITANCE IS MILD

"BRITAIN IS FIGHTING India's battle in the West as well as in the East where the Mediterranean has become India's first line of defence," declared the Rajah of Khallikote, presiding at the All-India Conference of Non-Congress political leaders in Nagpur yesterday.

The Rajah deplored Gandhi's attempt to launch an anti-war campaign at this critical time and declared that Congress was holding up India's progress.

It was the foremost duty of every Indian who understood the present position of India, he added, to concentrate all efforts on helping Britain to achieve victory. — Reuter.

Gandhi: An Instrument For Peace

"Who knows that I shall not be an instrument for bringing peace, not only between Britain and India but between the warring nations of the world," said the Mahatma Gandhi in Wardha in a statement on his plan of "individual civil disobedience."

Explaining why he was not offering himself for arrest, he said that this would be the last civil disobedience movement he would lead and he must stay out of prison in order to meet any contingency that might arise.

In his statement he said that Congress cannot wish ill to Britain nor can it help her through arms because of its creed of non-violence.

"I know India," he said, "is not one-minded. There is part of India that is war-minded and will learn the art of war through helping the British. Congress, therefore, does not desire to surround ammunition factories or barracks and prevent people from doing what they like." — Reuter.

CZECH H.Q. IN LONDON

A building in Mayfair, until recently a private house, will be the centre from which Czechs all over the world will work for the freedom of their country. To this building, 114, Park Street, W. 1, Dr. Benes, recognised by Britain as President of the Czechoslovak Republic, will travel each day from his home in Putney.

The whole machinery of government is being set up there. The Cabinet met there and the new Parliament, which will carry on the democratic traditions of the Republic, will also meet there.

Parliament will for the present consist of some 40 members, all until now serving on the Czech National Committee. Their first duties will be to work in conjunction with the British authorities to organise the thousands of Czech soldiers and airmen who escaped from France into a new Army and

U.S. MANOEUVRES IN PACIFIC

UNITED STATES FLEET MANOEUVRES ARE BEING CONTINUED IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

These manoeuvres have been held all through the summer and yesterday 30 American warships left Hawaii to take part in further exercises. — Reuter.

EMBASSY RETURN DELAYED

THE REMOVAL OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY AND CONSULATE-GENERAL OFFICES FROM THE SOUTH BANK OF THE YANGTSE, OPPOSITE CHUNGKING, BACK TO THEIR FORMER PREMISES ON "CONSULAR LANE" IN THE CITY PROPER HAS BEEN FURTHER DELAYED.

The Japanese were bombing the "Consular Lane" district on October 8 last and a small bomb exploded near the entrance of the Embassy dug-out, causing further damage to the buildings

AIRCRAFT TO PROTECT BURMA ROAD

News of the possibility of China obtaining fighters and bombers ordered by Sweden but now held by the United States, is generally welcomed in Chungking since China urgently needs aircraft to protect traffic on the vital Burma Road, when it re-opens on Friday (October 18), and also to defend cities in the interior. — Reuter.

which were under repair. The Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clarke-Kerr, and the Consul-General are at present still working in the offices of the British Naval Canteen on the south bank of the Yangtse. — Reuter.

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Leave To Appeal Refused: Expense Of Litigation

At a Full Court of Appeal, composed of the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and Mr. Justice J. A. D. Fraser, Sui Cheong Loong, represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quin, was refused leave to appeal against the decision of Mr. Justice E. H. Williams in granting judgment to the Ng Kee Stall recently in a claim for goods sold and delivered.

Mr. d'Almada said that the amount involved was small only \$36.83 but the principle was important in the practice of the Summary Court.

In the writ, claim was made for goods sold and delivered and the evidence showed that the claim was for a bargain sale and not for sale and delivery.

The trial judge refused the application of Mr. Quin to amend the writ and gave judgment against his client.

Mr. d'Almada quoted authority pointing out that, where technical errors were made, the writ could be amended so that the main point in the controversy could be dealt with. The Judge had discretion to amend the writ for technical errors and go on with the case, or if an application was made to amend the writ and order an adjournment for a defence to be made.

In this case the Judge did not do so.

The Chief Justice said that as far as respondent was concerned he cared more for the amount involved than any principle of law. As the result of the appeal, if granted, he would be put to additional expense not through his own fault.

Mr. d'Almada said he was instructed that if the application was allowed, costs would not be taxed.

Higher Proceedings

The Chief Justice said the application was for leave to appeal against the judgment of Justice E. H. Williams. The claim, as framed, was for goods sold and delivered. After two witnesses were heard, it was manifest that the claim for goods sold and delivered could not succeed but that one for goods bargained and sold would succeed.

The judge gave his decision in favour of defendant and did not allow the writ to be amended.

He subsequently refused to review his decision and on September 26, refused an application for leave to appeal on law and discretion.

On these facts, the sum at stake, though small, was as great to defendant as the principle in law.

The position was that the money found owing could have been recovered on another writ and justice done on a small outlay, but instead of taking this course, appellant applied for a review and took higher proceedings.

The court of summary jurisdiction provides for Leave to Appeal and provides for the appeal in a cheap way.

No doubt the judge was guided by knowledge of the authorities and he (the Chief Justice) could find no quarrel with the exercise of his discretion. Leave to appeal must be refused.

Justice Fraser concurred.

GARDEN ROAD CAR COLLISION

Brigadier T. McLeod, of No. 5, Peak Mansions, was driving in Garden Road at about 6.20 p.m. yesterday, when the rear wheel of a car coming from the opposite direction grazed into his car, causing slight damage to both vehicles. The car, he reported to the police, drove away after the accident.

BLANK DAY FOR CHOLERA

No fresh cholera cases were notified in the 24 hours ended at midnight. There were, however, eight typhoid cases, sixteen dysentery, and 28 tuberculosis.

FACTORY OWNER'S DEFENCE

A SUMMONS FOR KEEPING AN UNREGISTERED FACTORY NEAR CHEUNGSHAWAN, WAS ADJOURNED TO SATURDAY FOR HEARING BY MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN THIS MORNING WHEN MR. P. Y. WOO PLEADED NOT GUILTY ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGER.

Mr. D. W. Phillips, Inspector of Factories and Works, said registration of the factory was refused in March, 1939, as the area was insanitary and the premises were erected without permission from the P.W.D.

There were over 20 workers in the factory when he visited the premises on October 3.

Mr. Woo's defence was that his client was the owner of one factory and two other factories on the same lot were not his. The Inspector may have mistaken the other two factories' workers for those in his client's factory, which did not have 20 workers. There was no need to have the factory registered as it had not 20 workers.

JAPANESE RADIO OFFENCE

A Japanese residing at No. 27, Hankow Road, Satoh Yukio, was fined \$25 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning for possession of a radio-set without a licence.

Mr. James Key, of the Wireless Department, said he visited the premises and found a valuable Westinghouse receiver, which was not licenced.

Yukio said he arrived in the Colony on July 21 and bought the radio-set on September 4 from the Bosco Radio Company. He was not aware that a licence was needed for it. After Mr. Key's visit, Yukio added, he telephoned the radio shop and was told that the shop told forgot to inform him that a licence was needed. A licence was taken out the following day.

Mr. Macfadyen told him that he could not accept ignorance of law as an excuse.

A similar summons against Iwas Yamamoto, of No. 27, Hankow Road, first floor, was adjourned for two weeks.

RATIONING IN DAIREN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

RESTRICTIONS ON THE SALE OF RICE AND SUGAR WILL BE ENFORCED IN DAIREN FROM NOVEMBER 1, THE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT OF THE KWANG-TUNG GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES.

Japanese residents will obtain 32 lb. of rice monthly if they are over 13 years of age, and 22 lb. if they are under 13.

Rice for family consumption will be delivered to consumers by the Territorial Rice Dealers' Business Union through retail shops.

Sugar will be distributed twice monthly, rice three times a month. — Havas.

ANOTHER V.C. HERO COMES TO LIFE

The War Office in London has notified the parents of Lieutenant (Acting-Captain) Wilson, of the East Surrey Regiment, who was "posthumously" awarded the Victoria Cross for services in Somaliland, that he is a prisoner of war in the hands of the Italians. — Reuter.

\$1,000,000 FOR CIVIL DEFENCE

Supplementary expenditure totalling \$2,089,616 will be submitted to Finance Committee, Legislative Council, to-morrow.

The principal item is \$1,000,000 for extraordinary local defence, civil, and covers the cost of putting in hand certain measures for the protection of the civil population against air raids, such as the construction of tunnels, trenches and so on.

Many of the other items arise out of the war. There is for instance a vote of an additional \$150,000 for the training expenses of the Volunteers, and several other items covering the H.K.V.D.C. and the H.K.N.V.F.

There is a supplementary vote of \$9,000 in connection with the scheme to cover capitation fees payable to private practitioners for attendance upon officers and their families residing in the upper levels. The number of officers entitled to the privilege was under-estimated and no allowance was made for special treatment.

It is stated that the experiment is proving satisfactory.

HOLD-UP IN ARGYLE STREET

THREE CHINESE WERE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL AT THE NEXT CRIMINAL SESSIONS BY MR. E. HIMSWORTH AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING ON A CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY.

Accused, Chan, Muk-yau, 21, Ho Chi-fan, 24, and Leung Ng-tsoi, 24, were accused of having, armed with knives, robbed Li Sing-yu, 21, contractor's foreman, of a purse, containing \$5.30, and a metal wrist watch, and Chung Lal-she, 21, splinter, of a metal wrist watch, on September 19 in Argyle Street.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman, prosecuting, stated that the couple were sweethearts. They were held up in Argyle Street, near Kowloon Hospital, at 10 p.m. on September 19 by the three accused, who were riding on a bicycle and a tandem.

On October 4, another robbery of a similar nature occurred in Boundary Street. On this occasion, a bicycle was seized by the police after the chase.

From enquiries made at the bicycle shop, accused were arrested.

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FOOD AND WASTE

Wasting food is to-day in England a punishable offence. In not a few elderly bosoms the shock of the news must have caused what the psycho-analysts call a reversion to the infantile. They are back at the nursery table. Long-dead voices speak long-unheard but never forgotten words. "Master Osbert, if you don't eat all that fat before I count ten, you'll go in the corner." "Miss Millicent, you know the rule—no cabbage, no pudding!" And then, inevitably: "Willful waste brings woeful want," and, "Many a poor child would be glad of the good food you're turning your nose up at"; and the submissive children of those days of discipline were sorely tempted for the moment to hate what was usually one of their favourite stories—Miss Edgeworth's "Waste Not, Want Not, or, Two Strings to your Bow," in which, by a miracle of skill, saving Ben, not wasteful Hal, becomes the child-reader's hero as well as the author's. Under the new Order the penalties are, on summary conviction this and that of fine and imprisonment, on conviction on indictment this and that much more. In the nursery conviction was always summary; the penalties, by imprisonment in the corner or by fine of pudding or jam or sugar, were tyrannously heavy, and there was a permanent "Boothby snooter," an accuser who was also, like Alice's Fury, judge, jury, and all. And miserable infancy, its gorge rising both at the thing on its plate and at the cruel disregard of its natural feelings and human rights, was all the unhappier, without knowing why, because there had been no attempt to define the meaning of words.

The new Order at least has a shot at defining food; it is "everything used by man for food or drink, other than water." It says also with enough clearness for practical purposes what it means by waste. The public and the Government will have little difficulty in adjusting any differences of opinion that may be disclosed in practice. In the nursery opinions on the matter were opposed and irreconcilable. Good food, according to authority, was whatever happened to be sent up; and there were sure to be days in the week when extraneous assistance was absolutely necessary to make the company truly thankful for what it was going to receive. The company was resolute that mutton fat, cabbage, and tapioca were not good food, were not even food in any condition; and, since authority never troubled to alleviate trouble by explaining, for instance, that mutton fat was not really so bad if eaten at once before it got cold and revolting, there was no chance of agreement between the parties. The meaning of waste was left equally in contention. To childhood nothing could be more obvious than that it was wicked waste to cram cold mutton fat down a gullet shuddering in horror at it when there was a dog in the room which would wolf it down with rapture; and cats had a strange liking for slimy tapioca, even when lukewarm. But authority dully insisted that anything on a child's plate not eaten by that particular child was wasted, although the very nicest of all the cakes or sweet biscuits at tea had to be left for "Mr. Manners."

It is to be hoped that the new Order will not land the Ministry of Health and the public in similar conflict; but it would interest others besides psycho-analysts to learn which will obey the more loyally—the oldsters with their infantile revulsion against any such ruling, or the youngsters who were allowed to eat whatever they liked and have never been put in the corner for leaving what they did not like.

Britain "Goes To It" As A True Democracy

Mr. Herbert Morrison, speaking for the new National Government, has told Britain to "go to it." Britain has "gone to it" in step.

There is nothing of the fine phrase or formal facade about the new National Unity. It is a fact, as never before. The people march shoulder to shoulder.

National Governments in the past have rarely, if ever, had total agreement. There was an independent Liberal Opposition to Mr. Lloyd George's Government in the last war and a vigorous Labour Opposition to the MacDonald-Baldwin National Coalition formed to fight the economic consequences of the slump nine years ago.

But to Mr. Churchill's new Government there is no Opposition in Parliament, save Mr. Maxton's tiny party of three I.L.P.'ers, and a single Communist.

In the country, one may be certain there is even less dissidence than that.

Labour has not only come in; it holds such vitally important Ministries as those of Labour and Supply. On the industrial side Trade Unionism cooperates for victory to the full.

Coats Off, Limits Off

Restrictions, like coats, are off. Night and day the "go to it" slogan has universal support.

Now this unity cannot be sustained on enthusiasm and battle-cries alone. It demands similarity of sacrifice as well as of energy. A war for democracy must involve equality of effort and equality of suffering. The new British Prime Minister, when he took office and invited support, offered his followers nothing but blood and sweat and tears.

They accepted the challenge gladly. Everyone agreed that such a prospect was bitter but bitter things are less sour when shared.

The Government will continue to command the general support and enthusiasm because it is really levelling things out, with no cant or nonsense about it. Its first

measure was to take supreme power over wealth and labour, and the nation welcomed this enormous assumption of rights because it believed that it made for equity as well as despatch in the conduct of the war.

Real Equality Now

Let us see how the new equality is being achieved. In the last war, admittedly, there was much profiteering and many social distinctions, which active warfare should and often does abolish on the field, were increased at home by the emergence of a new plutocracy.

But it cannot happen again. The Excess Profits Duty has been slapped on immediately and not after long delays. It affects every industry and trade. It stands al-

By
Ivor Brown

ready at the top limit of 100 per cent. Elaborate safeguards are being built up against evasion. It will be enormously difficult for any firm or factory to "do well out of the war."

What of the individual? In the last war Income Tax never rose above 6s. Already it is 7s. 6d. and will go higher. As for Sur-Tax, that now begins at £1,500 a year and rises sharply from 1s. on the incomes just above that level to 9s. 6d. on the topmost heights of the big fortunes. That with the basic 7s. 6d. makes 17s. in the pound!

Equality is coming in many ways. Compulsory military service levels both the obligation and the nature of the service.

A duke's son cannot reckon, as he could of old, to become an officer at once—or ever at all.

All must spend two months (at least) in training as a private, be-

To The Conscience Of The World

To the conscience of the world, an appeal has been addressed by forty-five leading English writers, among whom are H. G. Wells, J. B. Priestley, Walter de la Mare, Robert Lynd and Hugh Walpole. The appeal says:

"At this moment, when the future not of our nation alone but that of all nations is being decided, we, the undersigned English writers, ask to be heard by the writers of other countries.

"Our country has been blamed in the past for actions most manifestly taken because we hoped by them to avert war. We failed. We failed to check the deliberate and carefully prepared violence which has invaded and killed in one country after another—Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France. Where the invading armies of Germany have gone, unarmed men and women and children have been mercilessly killed and freedom of mind and spirit has been crushed out.

"It is a life which is threatened. It is freedom of conscience and if that is lost, as it is lost wherever the Nazi power extends, life itself is not worth a breath. We ask all those, who have still the liberty to speak and to think,

to consider what this means. We ask you to make it clear to the people of your country that we with our allies are not fighting only for ourselves, but for the belief we share with every man of every race and religion who holds that men should respect each other and minds should be free. We are fighting for our own lives. We are fighting in the hope of ending this war before more children—innocent if any one is—have been slaughtered in their homes and as they flee from their homes. But in as much as we are fighting for the consciences of our children, we are fighting for the people of every nation without exception. We ask you to know this.

We ask you, with the confidence that you will judge us fairly, to support us as best you can in a struggle which is not ended yet. We do not expect defeat. We expect danger and we are able to face it.

We expect your belief in us. And we pledge ourselves on our part to remember that a last peace can be based only on justice. We do not desire and we will set our faces against revenge. We appeal to each one of you individually to pass our words on, by every means, to the nations of the world."—(Associated Press)

fore there can be any change of rank.

Profits Down: Wages Up

Profits are being stringently restricted while wages of sections of workers who have been relatively badly off in the past have been increased. The farm labourers have had increases of about 33 per cent. In recent weeks. The labourer that was earning 36s., or even less, at the outbreak of war will now draw 48s. or more.

Railway workers have just been stepped up another three shillings.

Now, if there were inflation and prices were rising giddily all the time, as they did in the last war, such gains would be illusory.

But there has been no inflation, and prices have been efficiently kept in hand by Government controls. During the last war the Government borrowed at 5 per cent.; now it is borrowing at 3 or even less. Considering that the basic rate of income tax is seven-and-sixpence, this gives the rentier less than 2 per cent. net on his loan. No great booty there!

Of course, prices cannot be kept at pre-war levels, but they can be, and are being kept to a minimum.

um. This often involves Government subsidy, but that is a form of equalisation. What happens is that the taxpayer has to assist the poorer purchaser by contributing a ha'penny or so to the price of the loaf. The price of bread has not been allowed to rise at all since the war began.

A visitor returning to London to-day after a year of absence and remembering the discreditable distinctions between rich and poor would find much to note in the spectacle of the West End.

Taxation and the ending of leisured luxury have brought their changes to Mayfair. Great town houses have been closed in many a famous street and square.

Many country mansions, no longer supportable by men once rich, have been turned into schools, hospitals, offices of evacuated firms and Government departments and homes for refugees.

The "blood and sweat and tears" are being shared. Never in hundreds of years has Great Britain been so equalitarian as now. While the war-effort is, as they say, on the "up and up," the rewards and sacrifices are increasingly "on the level."

How America Would Suffer

Mr. Otto D. Tolischus, writing in the "New York Times" on the economic results in America if Great Britain was defeated, says:—

"The result would be a complete change in the political and economic control of Europe and Africa, much of Asia and Oceania and presumably Australia.

"The economic consequences to America of such an upheaval are obvious. It would put America's entire foreign trade, not only with Europe but also with the rest of the world, completely under the control of Germany, and her allies.

"That trade, it may be argued, amounts to less than 10 per cent. of America's total production; but under America's methods of production that 10 per cent. often determines profit or loss. True, America produces many things which even a totalitarian world would still need. But the things that world would need would be American raw materials, such as oil and cotton.

"In markets for finished goods employing profitable labour America would find the competition of a consolidated Europe, behind whose salesmen stood the military might of Germany.

"What that means already is amply illustrated in the case of Rumania and other Balkan States. Moreover, whatever foreign trade remains to the United States would have to be conducted on terms dictated by Germany, which repudiates free private multilateral world trade conducted on a gold standard and substitutes for it a government-controlled bilateral barter trade based on an equal exchange of goods between two countries and paid for in labour currency.

"In practice this means that Germany buys from each country only as much as she sells to it, and measures the value of goods so exchanged not in terms of gold but in terms of hours of labour. But the value of hours of labour in each country is determined through the mechanism of a managed fiat currency; the exchange value is adjusted arbitrarily by

agreement between governments, whose relative position, in turn, is determined by their relative might.

"Germany as the mightiest country in the world could herself determine how much foreign goods her first marks would buy and how much German goods the currencies of other countries should buy in return. Germany could determine employment and living standards in countries that must trade with her.

"For America the more or less world-wide adoption of this system would entail a further development of still immeasurable consequences—namely, demonitisation of gold. With such a development the 19,000,000,000 dollars gold hoard in Kentucky would be reduced to trinket value. In such a case it might be doubted whether America's foreign investments would be worth the paper they are written on. Difficulties of America's financial imperialism, already are the subject of mocking comment in the German Press.

"Such, in any case, would be some of the inevitable consequences of 'socialistic planning between nations' and a victory of 'blood over gold' which the National Socialist regime has proclaimed on its banners. It proposes to lead the world into the 'socialistic millennium' to be formed—in Hitler's words—not by the selfish forces of a decaying world but by the young and productive nations, to whom belongs the future.

"This would leave the United States alternative courses. This nation could adopt an autarchic planned economy of its own and live mainly on its own resources within the confines of its own borders and militarise itself to the limit to assure its safety. But there can be little doubt that planned economy goes hand-in-hand with authoritarian government, and so this course might mean an end of America's political democracy.

"To adopt the alternative might be to court economic catastrophe of still inconceivable dimensions, with social and political upheavals, and possibly make America ripe for the invader."

RUSSIA AND BALKANS

Obvious Anxiety To Avoid Clash With Hitler

Faced Now With Challenge To Interests

RUSSIA'S WHOLE diplomacy in the past twelve months has been marked by an obvious anxiety to avoid conflict with Germany, says the "Daily Telegraph" in a leader on Russia and the Balkans.

Russia, says the paper, has tolerated a good deal of German high-handedness rather than engage in a dispute, but Germany on the Straits would be a challenge to her interests and security which must surely compel her to think again.

Indeed, she may well be considering whether she was not seriously wrong in the apparent complacent assumption that the Pact with Japan was not as much directed against herself as against the United States.

It is probable that she will be compelled by the march of events to show her hand before long and her attitude is naturally receiving the keen attention of Turkey.

The "Daily Telegraph" concludes by declaring that the long arm of British sea-power and the growing strength of her land and air forces in the Middle East will assure the Axis of a hot reception in any Levantine adventure it may have in contemplation.—Reuter.

Schulenberg Returns

The German Radio announces that Herr Von Schulenberg, Ambassador to Moscow, returned there after several weeks in Berlin. — Reuter.

CHINA CONSULAR APPOINTMENTS

The National Government yesterday appointed Mr. Teh-ming to be Chinese consul at Penang, and Mr. Shen Wei-tan to be Consul-General at Khabarovsk in the U.S.S.R.

Mr. Huang Ting-kai, outgoing Chinese consul at Penang, has been recalled to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—Central News.



Fairly bursting with pep, Rosalind Russell and Brian Aherne have joined hands in Universal's zestful comedy, "Hired Wife." Working together for the first time, the stars are having the times of their lives. And they look it in the above photo, which the cameraman caught of them as they were strolling around the studio.

BRITISH RULE THE CHANNEL

A young American war correspondent, Daniel A. Campbell, representing the United Press of America, came back from Boulogne the other morning with a thick ear.

"I've been within two miles of the Fatherland," he said, "and I have seen nothing of any invasion plans."

Nevertheless, he told how the small naval vessel in which he was a passenger was shelled from the French coast.

"I was on the top deck when a shell burst within ten feet," he said, "and I have not heard anything with this ear ever since. It stung me ten feet on to the lower deck."

Mr. Campbell was the luckiest war correspondent in Europe. For months the entire British and Empire Press have been seeking permission for such a trip, but always they have been refused.

In Possession

Mr. Campbell, who was granted permission to sail, said the voyage was uneventful until they got near Boulogne, and then, in his own words:

"If Hitler had some troops awaiting a chance to make a landing, the R.A.F. mucked up the whole thing. You've no idea what a bombardment those aeroplanes of yours put up."

"I am quite certain that it will be impossible for Hitler to invade Britain so long as the R.A.F. can upload their stuff over there in the way that I saw them do it."

"We were so interested in the fireworks display that we went in within two miles of Boulogne Harbour, and the shore batteries opened up on us."

"You can see for yourself what a cauliflower ear I got."

"So far as my left ear is concerned I have no doubt that the British own the Channel."

LORD LOTHIAN FLYING HOME

Lord Lothian is flying to London on Government instructions, for consultation, it is said in Washington.

It is not known how long he will stay in London. A spokesman of the British Embassy said that Lord Lothian is going on a routine visit—his first since the outbreak of the war.

There was no special significance in the trip and it does not involve any negotiations proceeding or projected with the United States.—Reuter.

ART TREASURES SEIZED

THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC WARFARE CONFIRMS REPORTS THAT OVER 500 PICTURES FROM VICHY WERE SEIZED AT BERMUDA A FEW DAYS AGO WHILE THEY WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK.

The pictures include paintings by Renoir, Cezanne and Picasso, and are probably from a well-known Paris collection.

The question is now being considered as to how best to store them so that they will not be damaged and at the same time be seen by large numbers of people.—Reuter.

off Boulogne opened up on the back at my heels."

The speaker was recognised as Pilot Officer Louis A. Strange, who retired from the R.A.F. in 1921 with the rank of Wing Commander.

NO FRESH BRITISH LOAN NECESSARY

No fresh loan by the British Government to China is under consideration at the present time, declared Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, when asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether Government would consider such loan to China under an Exports-Credits Scheme similar to that recently granted China by the American Government.

MOSCOW CONTRADICTS BERLIN

The statement that the Soviet Government was informed in advance of the aims and of the number of troops sent to Rumania by Germany does not correspond to the facts, the "Tass" news agency was authorised to state in Moscow yesterday.

SHANGHAI STRIKE

A Shanghai dispatch states that the tramway and bus employees in the French Concession resumed their strike owing to the refusal of Mr. Yu Ya-ching to continue to act as a mediator.

Two other prominent Chinese leaders, Wei Ting-yung and Keng Chia-chi, are now negotiating with the tramway and bus companies for an amicable settlement.—Central News.

Sir Kingsley, however, pointed out that China had already received assistance from Britain under the Exports-Credits Scheme and as the sterling available under this scheme had not been exhausted and only a small part of the export guarantees had been taken up, the question of further sterling assistance did not arise at present. — Reuter.

CHASE THAT WON BAR TO D.F.C.

A PILOT OFFICER WHO WON THE D.S.O., M.C. AND D.F.C. IN THE LAST WAR AND WHO IS AGAIN ON ACTIVE SERVICE, ALTHOUGH 50 YEARS OLD, TOLD THE FORCES IN A BROADCAST TALK HOW HE RECENTLY WON A BAR TO HIS D.F.C.

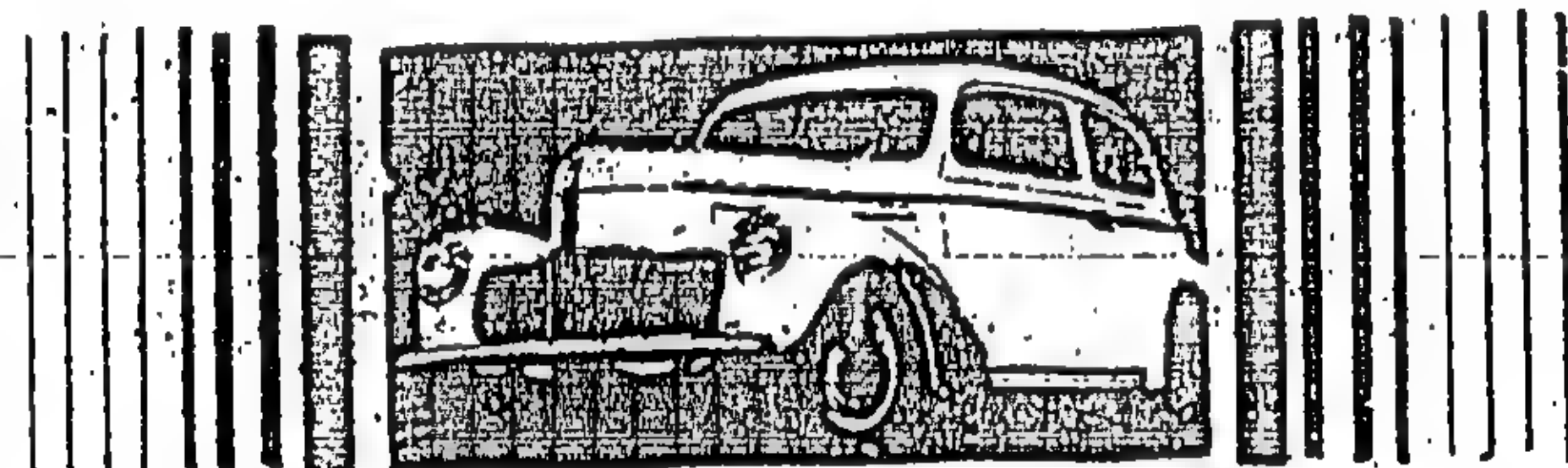
He was asked, he said, that a Hurricane should be taken back to England from France before night-fall. He had never flown this plane before and had had no time to repair its guns.

Soon after he had taken off tracer-bullets began coming down at him from the hillsides. "Foolishly," said the pilot, "I shot up to about 8,000ft. to sail straight into a perfect pattern of horribly noisy, black, anti-aircraft bursts. An unorthodox manoeuvre got me out of this, but not before a Messerschmidt flight-commander had dived to the attack."

"Thereafter the chase" went on up the village street and down a chateau drive and once almost through the chateau front door, until, suddenly twisting downstream in a wooded valley, I slipped out to sea where the fleet

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SOVIET NOMINATED A FRIENDLY STATE IN AMERICA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BY AN EXECUTIVE order, President Roosevelt has now established machinery for the requisition for sale to "friendly governments" of machine tools and other war materials, the export of which is under an embargo under the Neutrality and Exports Control acts.

Explaining the order at his press conference, President Roosevelt designated Soviet Russia as a friendly power and said that the orders of issuance are related to conversations between Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, and M. Oumansky, Soviet Ambassador to Washington.

LONDON GETS DOWN TO IT

The speed with which factories in the London area which have been bombed by German aircraft have reorganised production was illustrated in a speech at Lincoln yesterday by Sir Cecil Weir, Executive Member of the Export Council, Board of Trade.

Speaking of a London tour where he visited plants some of which had been struck as frequently as eight times by every type of bomb, Sir Cecil Weir said: "One would have expected disorganisation, chaos, confusion. Instead one found an extraordinary degree of normal production and in one of the worst cases, the drop in production, a large part of which was going for export, was less than thirty per cent. and the managing director assured me that, within another week or two, they would be fully up to usual output."

Another manufacturer showed me photographs of his damaged factory which had been struck in a vital spot by a 1,500 lb. bomb. In another, a vital spot had been blasted by a landmine.

When he looked at the damage the day after the attack, his foreman said: "How long do you think it will be before we can get going", and he said, optimistically, about a month.

In actual fact, the plant was operating within 24 hours. I lost thirty per cent. production in the first week, twenty per cent. in the second, and in the third was producing the full output which was much more than we manufactured in pre-war days.—British Wire-
less.

OFFICIAL DENIAL

A strong, official denial that the Soviet Government had been notified in advance of the sending of German troops into Rumania was issued yesterday by Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

The Danish newspaper "Politiken" (says Tass) has published a

These conversations resulted in the release of \$7,000,000 worth of embargoed machine tools to the Soviet.

The President also said that the order involves over 100 war planes purchased by Sweden; delivery of these planes has been prevented by the British blockade.

The decision covering its application to China and other nations' purchases is expected within two weeks or so.

Sharp Contrast

The President's classification of Soviet Russia as a "friendly power" is in sharp contrast to his indictment of the U.S.S.R. as a "wanton aggressor" during the Finnish campaign and the State Department's subsequent denunciation of the annexation of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

The executive order directs the Secretaries of War and Navy, through the Joint Munitions Board, to determine which embargoed items shall be requisitioned for national defence, and whether public interest permits the disposal of any items abroad. — International News Service.

MR. KENNEDY GOING TO WASHINGTON

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary for State, stated in Washington yesterday that Mr. Kennedy is leaving London for Washington within 10 days. Mr. Hull added that after consultation as far as he knew Mr. Kennedy will be returning to his post.—
Reuter.

NAZI DEATH PENALTIES IN FRANCE

The death penalty has been imposed by the German authorities in occupied France for the "crime" of harbouring British subjects, according to the Paris Radio.

Persons sheltering Britons are given five days to report. Britons within meaning of the decree include residents of the Dominions and Colonies.

Another decree of the German military administration imposes the death penalty for sheltering fugitive prisoners of war of French or other nationality. —
Reuter.

VICHY EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH THAILAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WITH REGARD TO the series of notes received by the French Government from Thailand, authoritative circles in Vichy assert that those pertaining to territorial claims have been categorically rejected.

The other notes received referred to the ratification of the non-aggression pact signed between the two countries four months ago, and recent incidents along the border between Thailand and Indo-China.

The French Government is ready to proceed immediately with the exchange of the instruments of the ratification of the non-aggression pact.

The Bangkok Government has not yet received these instruments and it is proposed to send a copy from France by telegram.

The French Government has also agreed to a proposal for a

report from its Berlin correspondent saying that Soviet Russia was informed in advance that German troops would be sent into Rumania and that the Kremlin was informed of the objects and movements of the German forces.

Tass concludes:—

"The official Russian news agency is authorized to state that this report does not correspond with the facts."—Reuter.

joint Franco/Thai commission to undertake the repartitioning of several islands on the Mekong River, which forms part of the frontier between the two countries.

It is stressed that the commission will not be empowered to examine any other territorial questions.

Joint Committee

The Thai Government requested the formation of a joint committee to investigate frontier incidents which resulted in the death of Lao Tlan, a subject whom the Thai Government claimed was a Thaiander.

France agreed to the suggestion and proposed that a committee be empowered to investigate other frontier incidents which took place along the Thai/Indo-China border during the past few weeks. —
Havas.



WORST MAN

"Got the ring safely?"

"The ring? Oh. Wait a minute. Ring. Here it is. No. Confound it. Where is it? Could have sworn it was in this pocket."

"You will find it nestling coyly in the bottom right-hand waistcoat pocket."

"Oh yes. Of course. So it is. Ha! Ha! Funny if I lost it. Yes. I say—let's go over this business once more. Now what do I do when..."

"My dear Peter, look at your tie. Pull yourself together. Remember, I'm the man who's going to be married, not you."

"Oh. Are you? I mean yes—of course. Fact is, old boy, I'm in a rather weak state. That celeb..."

tion of yours last night. Oh my poor head. I'm sure I won't be able to squeeze it into that wretched topper."

"If you'd only taken my advice last night and stuck to gin and Rose's..."

"Rose's? Oh yes. For the bridesmaids. I thought you said they were to be carnations."

"Rose's Lime Juice, blockhead! Prevents hangovers. Therapeutic action. I wish I'd rammed a quart of it down your silly throat. Next time I get married, Peter, remember—you stick to gin and Rose's the night before."

"Oh yes. Thanks for the tip. I will. I say—Charles—where did I put that ring? I could have sworn..."

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NORTH

S: Q, 4.
H: K, 10, 8, 5.
D: A, Q, 8, 7.
C: A, 10, 4.

WEST

S: J, 10.
H: J, 9, 6, 4, 2.
D: 6, 5, 3.
C: 9, 6, 5.

EAST

S: 9, 8, 7, 5, 2.
H: None.
D: 10, 4, 2.
C: Q, J, 8, 7, 2.

SOUTH

S: A, K, 6, 3.
H: A, Q, 7, 3.
D: K, J, 9.
C: K, 3.

The actual auction, which was mildly faulty, went (with E-W. passing throughout):

South: 1NT. (The modern Culbertson bid on seven honour cards; it would be criticised by adherents of other systems as including a weak doubleton and withholding information of two good four-card major suits. But in conjunction with accurate Culbertson responses it works well in practice.)

North: 3D. (Announcing at least three honour tricks, showing a biddable suit, and exploring slam possibilities.)

North: 3NT. (Denying adequate support for a four-card spade suit.)

South: 4H. (Continuing his search.)

North: 4NT. (Conventional, signalling two aces and the king of a bid suit, which South can almost certainly identify; as he is likely to hold with the heart or the spade king, and the diamond king.)

South: 5NT. (Conventional; showing the other two aces.)

North: 7H. (Dr. Stern considers that 7NT would be a better bid at rubber bridge, as reducing the risk of an enemy ruff, whilst at match-point duplicate 7NT would be a compulsory bid, in order to secure the extra ten points, which might secure an absolute top on the board.)

West leads the deuce of trumps, aware that this lead cannot do

R.A.F.'S COLD WORK OVER GERMANY

MOST OF THE AIR CREWS WHO FLEW OVER GERMANY DURING THE WINTER HAVE ALMOST FORGOTTEN BY NOW THE EXTREME COLD WHICH THEY EXPERIENCED. A FEW OF THOSE TAKING PART IN RECENT RAIDS ON MILITARY OBJECTIVES OVER ENEMY TERRITORY, HOWEVER, HAVE ONCE AGAIN ENCOUNTERED FREEZING CONDITIONS.

A week ago the crew of one aircraft of Bomber Command flew through such severe icy conditions that the whole of the aircraft, to use the words of the pilot, "was like a refrigerator. Even the hot tea in a vacuum flask was frozen."

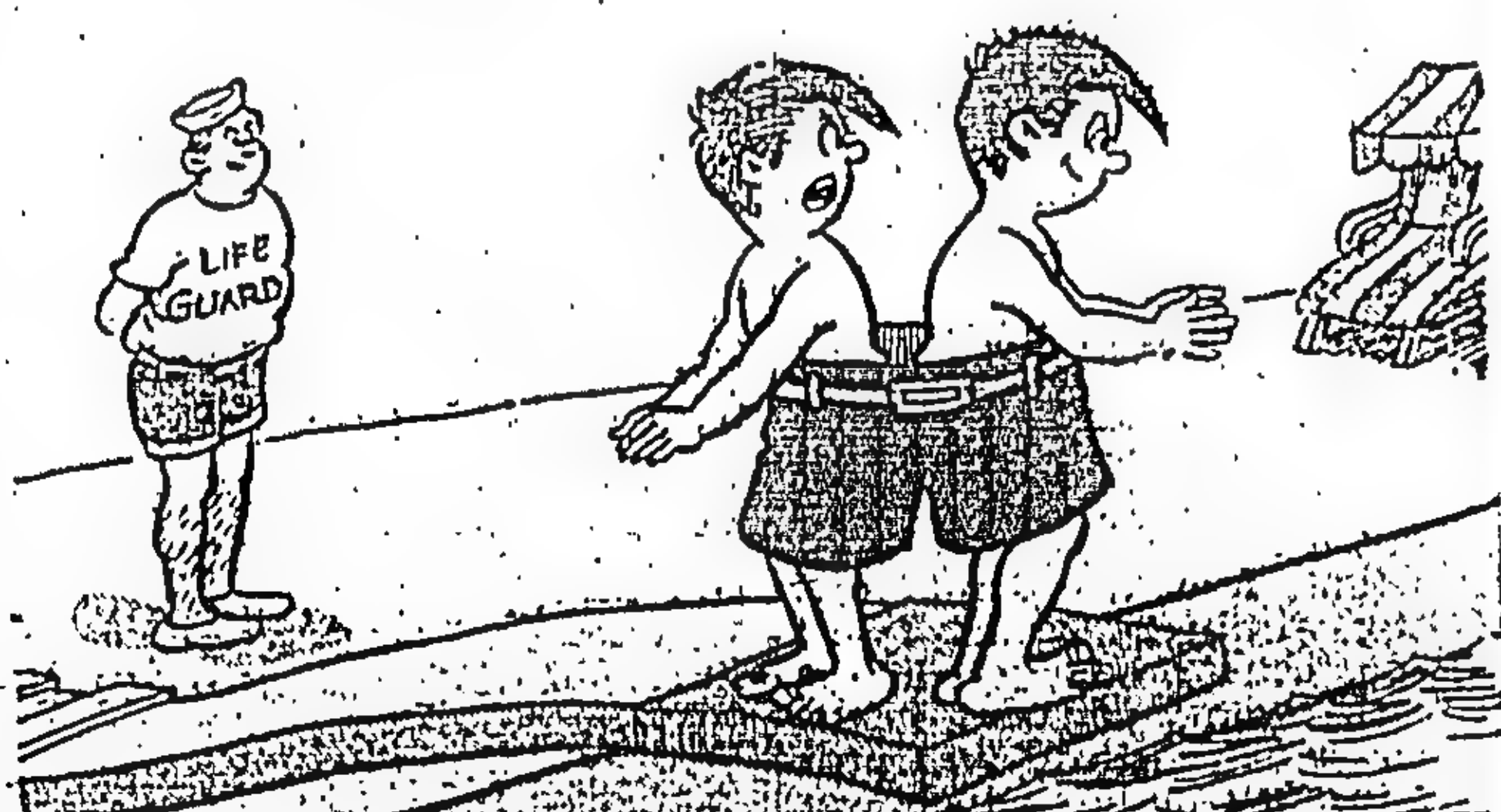
The captain of another aircraft engaged in a recent attack on targets in Germany reported that the cold was so intense he was afraid his crew would get frost-bitten, as they were not dressed for such Arctic weather.

any harm against a crack declarer, and may possibly prevent one or even two ruffs, even though it is likely to disclose a trump void in East. This void would naturally throw a weak South into the depths of despair, but the play of the deal is nevertheless tolerably simple, always assuming that the distribution of the West hand is not freakish. West has five trumps, and therefore only eight cards in the other three suits. If West has a black void or black singleton or less than three diamonds the grand slam cannot be made. The declarer must therefore ignore any false-carding by West and assume that the West hand consists of two spades, two clubs, and three diamonds. South, after taking the opening trump trick, makes two spades, two clubs, and two diamonds. Even if West plays the six and five of diamonds to the two opening rounds of that suit, South must play a third round of diamonds, for no effort on his part can reduce diamonds in South to two cards or in North to less than three. At the eighth trick he leads a third round of diamonds, taking it in North. All is now plain sailing. He can ruff out the remaining tricks, sandwiching or tenacing West's remaining trumps between North's K, 10, 8 and ruffing so high in South that West cannot overtake. The declarer's play is deprived of all uncertainty as soon as he perceives that he has no choice whatsoever except to play West for at least three diamonds.

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Falling Hair, Failing Health

Nature blessed us with vanity after our bodies were created. That was her method of making us care for ourselves. When we look at falling hair, our vanity should be pricked, for nature is telling us that something is wrong — all is not well.

Thinning hair is frequently caused by improper care of the scalp, but noticeably falling hair is caused by a health condition which should be determined and remedied. Perhaps you need a good long rest, perhaps your menus are faulty or you are not getting sufficient exercise. For some reason your body is not functioning properly and it cannot supply the scalp with the nutrition it needs. After an examination, or self analysis, determine on a programme and then (and only then) attempt to bring back new hair beauty through the following suggested treatment. Rest, sun baths, scientific menus and exercise are always your best doctors, but somehow if we pay for a doctor's advice we will follow it!

How To Treat Scalp

Just to be certain that no scalp parasite is causing the hair to fall, shampoo every week for one month with tincture of green soap unless your hair has been dyed. Rinse it thoroughly after each shampoo, dry it in the sun, and brush it with a sterilised brush.

Before each shampoo give it a hot olive oil treatment, applying the oil to the scalp with cotton. Leave it on over night.

After each shampoo massage the scalp with a sulphur ointment prepared by one of the leading scalp specialists. Remove excess ointment with a bit of cotton wrung out of witch-hazel. Leave this on until the next shampoo. After the first month, shampoo every ten days or two weeks. In the meantime be certain that your combs and brushes are kept antiseptically clean.



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Professor Cullis is to speak at the Helena May Institute tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. and again at the Y.M.C.A. Kowloon on Thursday, October 24th at 9:15 p.m.

What she will have to say will be of great interest to the entire English-speaking community as she will give some details of Britain at war and the effort that is being made by every man and woman, not only to resist a possible German invasion but towards completing the preparations for a great counter-offensive.

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1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.

6.00 p.m.—Borodin—Quartet No. 2 in D Major.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music and Variety.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.

7.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

8.03 p.m.—Eric Coates—Cinderella—A Fantasy.
Eric Coates and Symphony Orch.

8.17 p.m.—Cesar Franck—Symphonic Variations.
Alfred Cortot (Piano) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

8.32 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme with Miliza Korjus (Soprano) and Webster Booth (Tenor).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things."

9.45 p.m.—Max Bruch—Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26.
Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

10.10 p.m.—A Brahms Song.
10.20 p.m.—Dvorak—Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 95 ("The New World").
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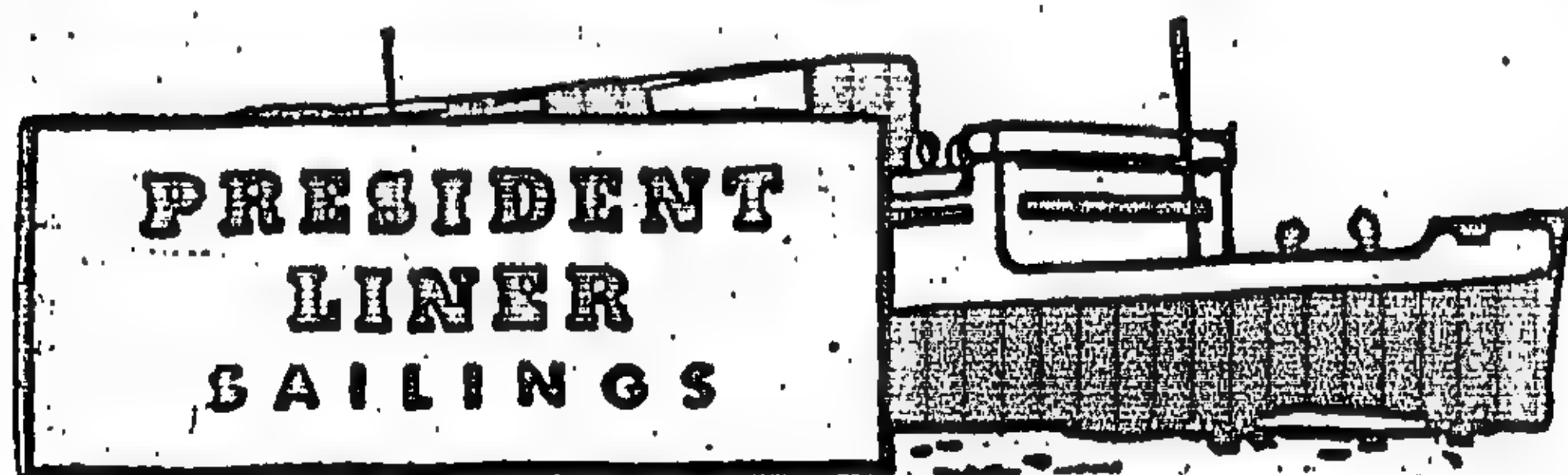
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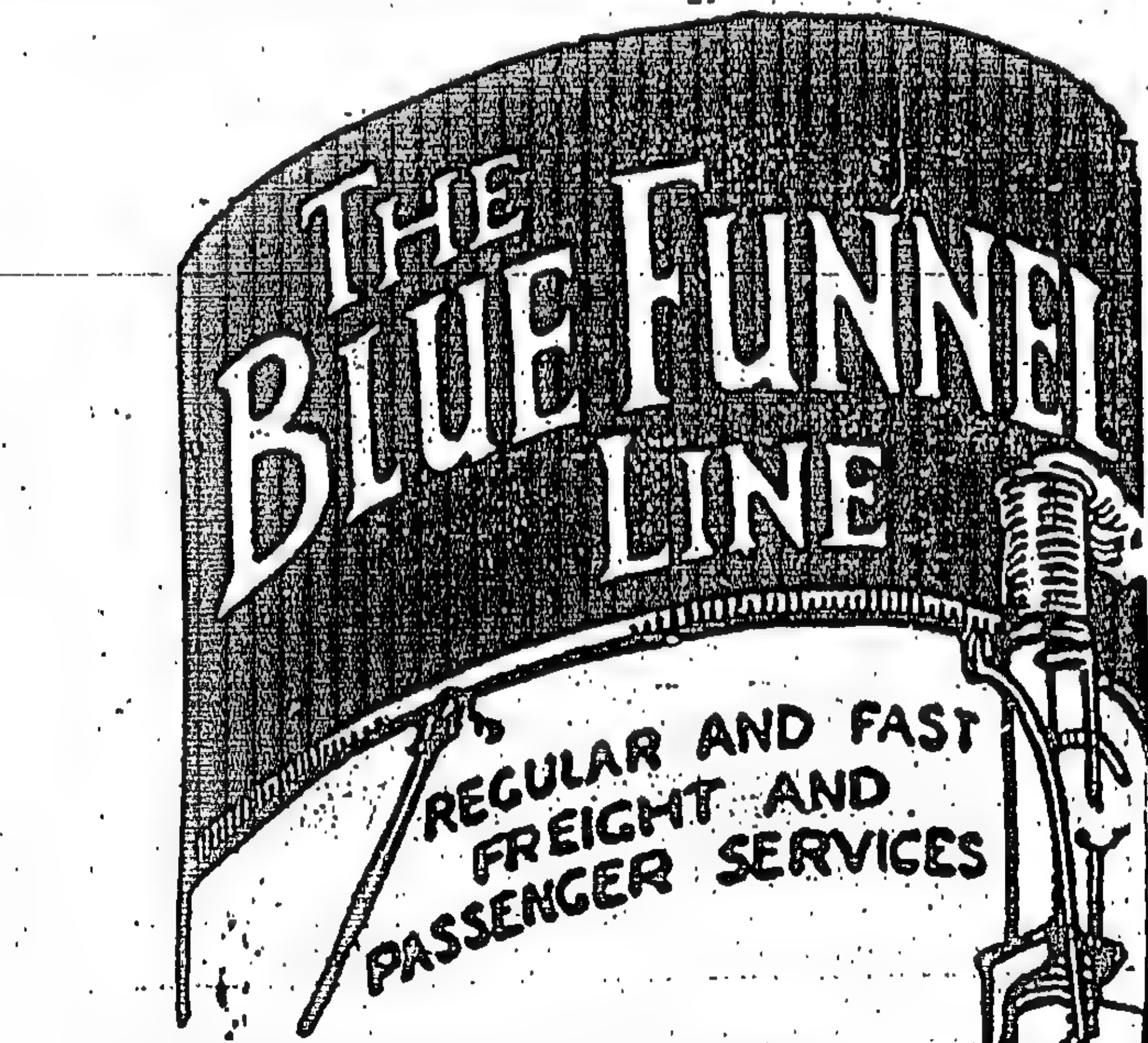
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FARM LABOUR ANOMALY

The Ministry of Agriculture is faced with a big problem as the result of an unexpected lack of demand for farm labour.

Drastic powers have been taken to counteract the shortage of labour of which farmers complained in many parts of the country, but it appears that the compulsory transfer to the land, dependent on jobs being offered them, of skilled agricultural workers who had entered factories has not proceeded far.

Thousands of volunteers have answered the Minister's appeal to help with food production. The position now is that many of them are waiting for jobs.

The women's Land Army has more recruits than applications for their services, only a third of the 1,200 university harvest volunteers have so far been offered work, and many of the schoolboy holiday camps have fallen through.

Many factors are contributing to this temporary impasse. More than 70,000 men have left the land since the war began, and there is no doubt that on thousands of farms too few men are employed to get maximum output. Skilled men are, in fact, wanted in many districts, and better correlation between supply and demand in different areas seems needed.

QUESTION OF FINANCE

Many farmers are hampered by lack of ready cash, and a Government sponsored cheap credit scheme would certainly stimulate the demand for labour.

There is considerable reluctance to take on unskilled workers, especially temporary ones, even at the lower rates of pay now conceded, and the weather, the difficulty of employing squads of untrained volunteers on moderately sized farms and of finding tools, and the question of housing have all influenced the demand.

Inquiry should quicken with the corn harvest but an effort should be made by farmers to work out provisional arrangements in advance.

MILLAY POEM FOR B.W.R.A.

A thin little blue-covered book will do its part to raise money for the British war relief fund at the fair to be held at the Manila Club next Saturday, Oct. 19. It is the only copy believed to be in the Philippines of Edna St. Vincent Millay's newest poem, *There Are No Islands Any More*.

According to the author's own dedication, they are "lines written in passion and in deep concern for England, France and My Own Country." Miss Millay explains further: "This poem, written by me in the cause of democracy, has been printed and distributed with my permission, free of royalty to me or profit to my publishers (Harper and Brothers). All proceeds from the sale of this book will be turned over to an established war relief agency."

The single advance copy received in Manila is a first edition and will be sold at Mrs. A. O. Baigrie's booth, probably to the highest bidder. Available also to Mrs. Baigrie's stall will be about 20 other sample or advance copies of books being published in the United States this fall, and, therefore, first editions.

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A MILLION MILES

The first squadron in the Royal Air Force to use Hudson aircraft has just completed a million miles of flying in this American built military version of the Lockheed 14.

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In addition to reconnaissance work, the squadron has many successful bombing raids and air combats to its credit. Its aircraft have attacked successfully harbours, ships and other military targets. The squadron's logbooks show records of more than fifty air battles, during which a dozen enemy aircraft have been definitely shot down and many others damaged.

U-boats are also among its victims. Working in close cooperation with the Navy the squadron has frequently provided an air escort for our warships and has driven off a number of attempted enemy air attacks upon them. In its files are hundreds of photographs of enemy ports, aerodromes, towns and ships.

Four of the squadron's officers hold the D.F.C. and four others the D.F.M. About a quarter of the pilots come from the Dominions. The pilots are generous in their praise of the Hudsons, which they describe as "wizard aircraft for the job."

THE RUDE RING

A Flying Officer at a Fighter Command station has for years been proud of his signet ring. He used it, in civilian life, to mark sealing wax on registered letters and documents in his City office. When he came into the Air Force to an administrative job he continued to use his signet ring for marking the sealing wax on envelopes.

The other day an old friend of his, also in the R.A.F., rang him up after receiving a letter from him.

His friend said: "Go to Hell!" "I beg your pardon!", said the indignant Flying Officer. "What do you mean?"

"I said 'Go to Hell!'", replied his friend. "You told me to go there, so now I'm telling you."

The friend went on to explain that being intrigued by the inscription on the sealing wax made by the signet ring he had inquired and found that it was Arabic for "Go to Hell!"

"After all these years," says the Flying Officer, "I now discover that I have been having my leg pulled all the time by a former colleague of mine. The ring was bought in Bagdad—in fact it was made specially for my friend. He sent it to me as a gift and I have worn it ever since."

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Recreio "A" Outhit Baseballers To Win Comfortably In Friendly Game

Weakened Saints Team Account For Asheville Chung Hwa Beat South China On Costly Errors

By "Grandstand"

A NUMBER OF friendlies featured the week-end softball, eight teams being involved. On the Kowloon side, the Recreio Aces massacred the Hong Kong Baseball Club to the tune of 17 runs to 6, whilst the Recreio Bees triumphed over the Chinese Baseballers by a 15 to 12 verdict.

On the Hong Kong side the games were more interesting, the Saints finishing on the long end of an 8-6 score, whilst Chung Hwa just managed to nose out South China by six runs to five.

The Rambling Rees played an errorless game, whilst the Hong Kong Baseballers booted seven times, but outhit the Aces by 12 to 10. Both teams used two pitchers, Noronha and Gosano toeing the rubber for the Portuguese, whilst Molthen and Kent toiled for the Baseballers. All except Noronha had one strike-out to their credit.

The Rees, on the other hand, based their victory on their picky hitting, connecting for 15 safeties to the Chinese Baseballers' 10 and committed one error less than the Chinese four.

Guterres Yanked

Guterres, working on the mound for the Bees, was derricked after he had issued four free tickets to first, and was replaced by Lawrence, who fanned three. The Chinese also used two hurlers, Tuffy Chinn, and George White, the former fanning four.

In the opener on the Hong Kong side, the Saints worked "Bashful" Frankie Gonzales on the mound, who went the route, whilst the Mighty "A" had their baseball first-sacker Balcerak assuming mound duties. The Saints outhit the Mighty "A" by 8-7, but were more fortunate in that their hits counted, as they always had one of the sacks occupied, whilst the Asheville blows were scattered, with the exception of the inning in which three runs in a row, assisted by a wild pitch, gave them three markers. The only Saint bobbles was committed by Omar's muff of Balcerak's high fly to short centre. Sonny Sondag and Sabo shared batting honours, both singling twice in their two trips to the platter, whilst Gordon belted the only homer of the fracas. Powerhouse Stan Leonard and Charlie Manson were good for a double apiece.

The Holy men batted first and only chalked up one run in the first on a walk and a hit, whilst the Mighty "A" replied with three tallies to put them in the lead. Via the same route of a walk and a hit the Saints dented the counting station once more, whilst Omar's muff gave the Asheville-men one more marker. The Saints

crept nearer and trailed one run behind at the end of the third. In the fourth both sides were retired in one, two, three order. In the fifth frame, Powerhouse Stan Leonard's double with Showboat Ali on board tied the score, which was broken by Albert Leonard's rasping single through short. In the sixth the Saints dented the plate for three more tallies, and put the game on ice, with four runs ahead.

In the Asheville half of the inning, with one on, Gordon socked into Frankie's easy floater and lost the pill for a four-bagger—ground rules or no ground rules!

In the last time at bat, Johnson, pinch-hitting for "Beer Barrel" Vachiano, drew a pass, whilst Sontag singled to put two on bases. With the tying run on the sacks, Lies attempted a sacrifice bunt which went foul. On the next pitch he attempted the same run and hit play but hind-snatcher Hal Wing-lee snared the pill before it hit the dirt, and pegged to second for the only double killing. Bishoff fled out to first for the game to end 8-6.

Costly Errors

Five costly errors in the clutches cost South China their game when they were nosed out by the Chung Hwa nine.

Bill Quon tossed for South China, with S. C. Wong at the receiving end, the latter being replaced during the fourth by Cecil "Sparks" Winglee. Lone hurler of Chung Hwa, Al Lau, toiled on the slab and was nicked for five blows, and passed one to first. South China ball-hawk, Johnnie I. C. Wong, batted a neat 1,000 in his three trips to the platter, whilst Bill Chang made the longest hit of the tussle when he belted a two-bagger for Chung Hwa. South China drew first blood, when Bill Quon made first sack, on four balls in a row, and pilfered second. First-sacker Kenny Yum's single advanced him to third. With ducks in the pond, Johnnie Wong batted in Quon, and Nelson Ma sacrificed for Yum. In the next stanza Chung Hwa equalised on two hits and two South China bobbles. In the third South China drew ahead once more with two tallies. In a fifth-inning rally Chung Hwa lashed the leather all over the place and knotted the count with one out. The winning tally came in when Jimmy Chung blasted the apple through the box, which nearly blew the brains out of hurler Bill Quon. Al Lau, who was perched on second, scampered all the way home and slid in a cloud of dust, beating the throw in by a whisker!

Owing to a shortage of players, midget Sammy Chan Yue-kong, Alley-Cat infield marvel, was assigned the duty of holding second sack and in his four fielding chances handled the pill like a veteran. Hardly able to lift a bat, he beat out a bunt along the first base line, pilfered second, but was left stranded.

Divisional Allocations

News has been received that the committee authorised by the Association have reached a definite decision regarding the segregation of the different teams into the First and Second Divisions. In the former category are the Recreio Aces, the Canadian Chinese, the Chinese Baseball Club, St. Joseph's, Hong Kong

ARMY RUGBY TRIAL

The final Army Rugby trial held at Sookunpoo yesterday evening revealed some useful talent.

Yesterday's game between the Reds and the Blues resulted in a win for the former by nine points (three tries) to five (one goal). Many changes were made in the teams at half-time however, and in the second session more than half the Reds were playing for the Blues and vice versa.

Following took part in the trial: Gnr. Easterbrook, 5/A.A.; Pte. Macdonald, R.A.M.C., L/C. Coombes, R.A.M.C.; Capt. Douglass, 2/R.S.; L/Bdr. Richards, 8/Hvy.; Capt. Hook, 8/Hvy.; 2/Lt. Wedderburn, 5/A.A.; Pte. Mohan, R.A.M.C., Gnr. Whitehead, 5/A.A.; Capt. Hewitt, 1/Mx.; Capt. Bedford, R.C.S., 2/Lt. Eddison, 12/Hvy.; Sgt. Page, 5/A.A.; Pte. Wigglesworth, R.A.M.C., L/Bdr. McDermott, 8/Hvy.; Capt. Drew-Wilkinson, 2/R.S.; Sgt. Marsh, 8/Hvy.; 2/Lt. Ford, 2/R.S.; Sign. Willis, R.C.S., L/C. Picton, R.E.; 2/Lt. Gibson, 2/R.S.; Sign. Morgan, R.C.S.; Pte. Berry, M/x.; Cpl. Sutherland, 2/R.S.; 2/Lt. Bompas, H.K.S.R.A.; 2/Lt. Pinkerton, 2/R.S.; 2/Lt. Millar, 2/R.S.; Capt. Duke, 2/R.S.; 2/Lt. Cuthbertson, 2/R.S.; 2/Lt. Heath, 5/A.A.

Reserves who played in the second half were: L/C. Birrell, R.E.; L/Sgt. Sheldrake, R.E.; Pte. Coombe, 2/R.S.; 2/Lt. Denfield, 12/Hvy.; Lt. Smith, H.K.S.R.A.; L/C. Lane, 2/R.S.; Clifton, Lt. Lomax, 10/Hvy.; L/C. Foley, R.E.; Pte. Ferguson, 1/Mx.; Lt. Willoughby, 1/Mx.

SIGNALS' WATERPOLO WIN

In the final of the (Army (Large Units) Water-polo Knock-Out Competition played in the Army pool yesterday, the Royal Corps of Signals scored a rather fortunate victory over the Middlesex Regiment by 2 goals to 1 through a penalty goal near the end of the game.

In the first minute of the second half Dignan broke away to give the Corps the lead with a splendid shot, but Middlesex equalised through Jennings.

Towards the close during a melee in their goalmouth Middlesex were penalised and Morgan

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

At last the Small Units football knock out competition is under way, and the first game to be played was between the

Association Football

Signals and "D" Coy of the Royal Scots, which resulted in a win for the latter by 5-0.

On Monday at Shamshuipo "C" Coy of the Middles lost to "A" Coy of the Royal Scots after extra time, the score being 2-1. Thomas scored for the Middles and Cornwall (1), Jones (1) for the Scots.

To-day "A" Coy of the Middlesex will play the Corps of Military Police at Shamshuipo kick off 4.30 p.m.

LAST week the Middlesex Regt. "A" team defeated the Y.M.C.A. "A" team by the only goal of the match, which was scored by Stanton. Stickle, the Colony and Army

Hockey player, was outstanding in the defence and caused many upsets to the attacking forwards. Fergusson on the right wing is very fast and tricky with the ball.

At Boundary Street the Middles juniors beat the Police 2nd XI by four goals to one, the goals being scored by Hatfield (2), C/Sgt. Bond (1), and Caul (1).

A rather good game was witnessed between the R.A.S.C. and the R.A.M.C. last week at Sookunpoo with the former emerging winners by 2 goals to one. Sheridan, despite a nasty cut over the eye, played an excellent game at back, and Gardiner as his partner proved a promising player. The half-backs all played well and broke up several dangerous

easily beat Berry.

Royal Corps Of Signals:—Bennett; Morgan and Allen; Bedford; Pitcher, Dignan and McCan. Middlesex Regt.:—Berry; Freshwater and Hymas; Ure; Burdge, Bendon and Jennings.

attacks. The forwards all combined well together especially with S/Sgt. Williams finding his old form again. The goals were scored by Fearn (1) and S/Sgt. Williams (1).

The Sappers were given a surprise by HQ Company of the Middlesex Regt., who, with only one of their battalion players turning out for them, won by four goals to one, L/Cpl. Moggeridge getting the hat-trick, with O'Mahony scoring the other. Sgt. Grosten scored for the Sappers.

To-day the Signals are playing the 18th A.A. Bty. R.A. at Sookunpoo, kick off 5 p.m. To-morrow the H.K. Signals are playing the R.A.S.C. in the first game of the Departmental League Shield series, at Chatham Road, kick off 5 p.m.

AN exciting game of cricket was seen between the Sappers and the Service Corps, with the former winning by 6 runs. The Sappers batted first and were all out for 108 runs—Spr. Tropp 27, S/Sgt. Kehoe 26, and Spr. Bailey 14.

The Corps replied with 102, and at one time they looked like winning with their score at 102 for 7 wickets, but, owing to the fine bowling of Sgt. Denyer, they were all out for 102 runs. Sgt. French of the Service Corps took 8 wickets for 36 runs and Cpl. Young and Sgt. Hamlen both reached over the 20 mark for the R.A.S.C.

The Signals beat the Engineers last Saturday by 31 runs—Cpl. Blount 18, Cpl. Bedford 12, Cpl. Coxy 17, L/C. Love 10 and Sig. Coghill 11, being the best scorers for the Signals, and Sgt. Brackenbury doing rather well with his bowling by taking 4 wickets for only 7 runs. The Sappers were not on form and only three of their players managed to reach double figures. Sgt. Denyer was again their best bowler with 4 wickets for 27.

To-day the Middlesex Regt. are playing the Sappers at Sookunpoo, starting at 2 p.m.

THE Engineers are starting in real earnest with their rowing training for the forthcoming regatta. One alteration has been made in their team with Spr. Monaghan taking No. 3 in place of L/Cpl. Foley, who is better over the 2,000 yds. course. At last the post of Area Rowing Officer has been filled. He will be 2/Lt. A. E. Clayton, 20th Heavy Bty. R.A., who has already called a meeting of Unit representatives for next week.

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SWIMMING INTERPORT ON: MANILA DUE HERE ON TUESDAY

MISGIVINGS AS TO the effect of the Far Eastern political situation on the proposed Interport swimming contest between Manila and Hong Kong were set at rest last night when word was received from the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation which stated that the Manila team would be coming.

Manila have asked Victoria Recreation Club, under whose auspices the contest will be held, to endeavour to secure permission from the Police for landing permits for the entire party. Failing permission being forthcoming for the women, P.A.A.F. state, the men only will travel.

In the event of everything falling through, it is suggested that V.R.C. send a team to Manila next month and that the Interport be held there. It is understood that the Manila contingent will be arriving in a Japanese liner on Tuesday and

Baseball Club, Cyclones, Indian Softball Club and the Filipinos, whilst the following belong to the latter class: Recreio Bees, Chung Hwa, South China, Royal Engineers, Royal Scots, Royal Artillery, Royal Air Force, the Cosmopolitan, Liga, V.R.C. and Central British Association.

It is also understood that the First Division and Ladies' League will be played on the Kowloon Football ground, whilst the Junior teams will meet on the Central British Ground.

SWIMMING SENSATION

Various whispers of obstruction in the recent harbour race by a member of Victoria Recreation Club against Miss Lee Po-luen, winner of the harbour race in 1939, will have a culmination this evening when a meeting will be held by the proper authorities at V.R.C. to discuss a letter from South China Athletic Association which alleges that "J. Marques did intentionally foul Miss Lee Po-luen, not less than four times, about 100 yards from the finish of the harbour race."

It is understood that the letter includes a note that proper supervision will be instituted at future harbour races.

It is learned that the partition concerned, J. Marques and Miss Lee Po-luen, have been asked to be present this evening.

Cricket With Taste

A Good Lunch But What About The Game?

Amusing Cricket Reporting

"REPORTING FROM A new angle" might almost be the title of the following article written by R. C. Robertson-Glasgow in the "Sunday Express." It happens to be of peculiar interest as being a comment on the somewhat uncommon effort of a writer in one of the British Colonies to describe a cricket match which apparently took place somewhere in the East.

The "discreet use of censorship" has unfortunately deprived us of any exact knowledge of the venue of the game, but an equally "discreet guess" may be formed by those who know their terrain anywhere east of Suez. However there are no prizes offered for any solutions.

"Through the kindness of Major A. a very enjoyable game of cricket was played on the XY Sports Club ground between P and Q. Lunch was served in the dining hall of Z. The various items of food had been provided by the players, and these were tastefully served up by a band of willing lady helpers. After lunch the Toast to The King was given. This was followed by a speech of thanks by Mr. N to Major M for his unfailing kindness on such occasions, and also a vote of thanks to the ladies who had arranged the lunch so well. After a very enjoyable game, P won by a margin of over ninety runs."

Accent On The Lunch

Thus, with a mild rearrangement of punctuation and a discreet use of censorship, runs the account, which a friend has sent me, of a cricket match between two teams of a British colony in foreign parts. It may strike the casual reader that the section devoted to the play is meagre, that the reference to the luncheon is "bland almost to sickness," and that, in one instance at least, the band of willing lady helpers had arranged the less solid part of the luncheon rather too well. Someone, not, I fancy, the Lucullan reporter, has remembered to append the score. It is one deserving of a fuller explanation than it has received. For here, too, there are signs of refreshment. Of the twelve batsmen, number 2 does not appear to have had any innings at all, for against his name there is a mysterious blank space. Nine wickets fell for about 60 runs; but the last wicket pair contributed 92. There follows the ghostly observation "27," suspended in air and anonymity. Extras 4, and total 196. Q replied with only 104.

Be this as it may, it can be regarded as an extreme example of the laudatory method in reporting. "Pick one thing that interests you above all others, and it is almost sure to interest your readers," once remarked a very famous critic. In this case, the refreshments and their service have been picked on; but they excite, rather than sustain, interest. There is lacking a gracious something.

Excessive Praise

Reflecting on these peculiar matters, I began to wonder whether most reporters do not habitually tend to excessive praise. For all that cricketers, who are scarcely less touchy than actors, may state to the contrary, we spend many hours in the search for the good and the beautiful, if not always for the true. To me, at least, the strain has often been severe. I have known an ill-suppressed longing to write some such words as:—

"On the Ground, which, for sheer ugliness, can have few rivals, while the chimneys belched foul smoke, and a bitter wind whistled through the ramshackle Grand Stand which, by the way, is set at a ridiculous angle to the play, before a small, shrivelled and unintelligent herd of spectators, the match between A and B was reluctantly resumed. It had reached a condition which, except to a mind irrevocably sunk in an insane optimism, could lead only to a futile draw. Perhaps it was the continued and ungenerous

absence of a sight-screen at the City End that induced C, who has seldom been seen to less advantage, to strike a paralytic attitude confidently supposed to be a posture of defence and to remain at the crease for thirty minutes before he scored a run between first and second slip, while apparently attempting a leg-glide." Perhaps, after this, I should not be asked to write again; but I should be able to say with "G K C"—"I have laid an egg; I feel better, thank you."

"After That—The Score"

Perhaps, therefore, it would always be safer merely to remark, whenever consistent with truth, that the lunch was tastefully served up by a band of willing lady, or gentlemen helpers, and that "a very enjoyable game of cricket was played." After that, the score.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are the starting times for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Happy Valley Golfers versus Kowloon Golf Club match on Sunday:

9.00 & 10.30 a.m.	R. K. Collings and D. S. Edward.	A. J. Dennis and A. McKellar.
9.05 .. 10.35	H. F. Phillips and A. C. I. Bowker.	W. S. Hillier and D. Humphreys.
9.10 .. 10.40	K. S. McKenzie and W. Sharp.	A. L. Eastman and T. Low.
9.15 .. 10.45	W. C. Simpson and H. H. Mundy.	W. V. Ahern and A. D. Humphreys.
9.20 .. 10.50	E. C. Fincher and H. Smith.	A. W. Ramsay and G. E. Willerton.
9.25 .. 10.55	W. A. Stewart and D. Forbes.	F. C. Barry and A. H. Penn.
9.30 .. 11.00	J. D. Thomson and N. J. Bebbington.	T. Lamb and G. Davies.
9.35 .. 11.05	A. A. Lopes and T. B. Low.	W. Kershaw and N. J. Bookler.
9.40 .. 11.10	H. J. Grose and W. Stoker.	E. C. Murphy and E. Greenwood.
9.45 .. 11.15	B. K. Collings and A. J. Dennis.	D. S. Edward and A. McKellar.
9.50 .. 11.20	H. F. Phillips and W. S. Hillier.	A. C. I. Bowker and D. Humphreys.
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AFTERNOON TIMES

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2.25	K. S. McKenzie and A. L. Eastman; W. Sharp and T. Low.
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"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches on the "Y" ground at King's Park this week:—

2nd XI v. R.A.S.C. (5 p.m.):—Benwell, Killean and Ralston; Heptonstall, Gilchrist and Smith; Banks, McGahan, Spare, Ireson and Bovan.

2nd XI v. H.M. Destroyer (3 p.m.):—Fishlock, Killean and Ralston; Croft, Gilchrist and German; Smith, Dormer, Spare, Grant and Banks.

CLUB RUGBY TRIAL

Club are holding their second and last Rugby Trial at the Valley to-day, commencing at 5.15 p.m.

Following are the teams: Colours:—F. M. Thompson; D. H. Stewart, H. D. Bidwell, J. C. Charter and D. I. Bosanquet; G. G. Aitkenhead and J. Thomson; E. W. Stout, R. G. Castleton, C. M. Stark, L. A. Benn, J. Moodie, J. Redman, J. K. Birt and A. L. Thomas.

Whites:—J. Moore; T. O. Morgan, M. G. Carruthers, D. G. Day and H. Van Leeuwen; E. Jones, and A. Clemo; R. E. Heaseman, J. S. Dunnett, A. M. Kennedy, E. W. R. Hackett, C. Needham, I. M. Macrae, A. J. G. Taylor and G. B. Godfrey.

Following reserves will be called on to play and are requested to turn out ready for play.

Colours:—H. L. Didsbury, R. C. Gairdner, G. G. Davies, R. Leigh, S. Lee and J. Roscoe. Stripes:—K. W. Forrow, A. G. Gratton, H. F. Hopkins, D. B. Nelson, C. G. Tressider and P. B. Wilson.

ABBAS AND JONES IN SEMI-FINAL

M. R. Abbas and J. F. Jones entered the Semi-Final of the Open Singles Lawn Bowls championship yesterday when they beat C. C. Pereira and W. J. Howard respectively at the Kowloon Football Club.

Abbas won comfortably and was at no time ever extended but the other game between Jones and Howard was close affair, a two at the 24th head enabling Jones to win.

Following are the detailed scores:

Head	M. R. Abbas	C. C. Pereira
1	4	0
2	1	5
3	1	6
4	0	6
5	2	3
6	0	3
7	2	10
8	2	12
9	1	13
10	2	15
11	0	15
12	1	16
13	2	18
14	0	18
15	0	18
16	1	19
17	0	19
18	2	21

Head	F. J. Jones	W. J. Howard
1	1	0
2	1	3
3	1	4
4	1	5
5	4	9
6	1	10
7	0	10
8	0	10
9	0	10
10	0	10
11	0	10
12	0	10
13	0	10
14	2	12
15	1	13
16	0	13
17	0	13
18	0	13
19	3	10
20	0	16
21	0	16
22	1	17
23	3	20
24	2	22

H.K.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. against Craigengower C.C. at H.K.C.C. at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 19:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Bookler, Capt. A. J. Dewar, Surg. Lt.-Com. W. G. Finnie, J. H. Fox, T. G. C. Knight, R. M. King, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

"Swimming Enthusiast"—It is learned that the matter on which you write is being investigated by the proper authorities and an official statement has been promised for to-morrow.—Sports Ed.

LEN HARVEY WANTS FIGHT WITH FARR

While I am not arguing that there is going to be a terrific boom in the boxing business—how can you have that bang in the middle of a war?—I do fancy we are to have some first-class scraps inside the next couple of months, writes Len Harvey in the "Sunday Express."

There is even talk of a heavy-weight championship affair between Tommy Farr and a certain Len Harvey! Anyhow, I note that Tommy is around to say he is ready to meet me down in Cardiff sometime next September.

Splendid. But why Cardiff? Supposing I can get the necessary Air Force leave to train for a fight with Farr, and that's pretty much up in the air remembering what this old island is facing, the logical spot for the meeting would be London.

The Red Cross, I imagine, would get a better cash return from such a contest in the metropolis. Maybe all boxing Wales would want to see Farr in action, but the thought occurs that quite a slice of pugilistic London would like to see me.

Big Money Certain

Anyhow, I suggest that a Farr-Harvey fight is the one most customers would be ready to pay fair-sized money to see. And I don't believe the big money is in Wales.

Folk here and there have criticised me for wanting around £6,000 to cross gloves with Tommy. They quote figures that operated before the war.

Now, how much would I want to fight Farr? Maybe any one ready to talk business these days would discover that I am prepared to adjust my ideas to present circumstances. I am not wanting the moon, or even a slice of it.

Believe me, I know there is nothing so timid as £6,000 in peace days, let alone when there is a war on. Let's leave it at that.

Northern "Natural"

Moving down the fight weights we find that the "feathers" championship brawl between Nel Tarleton and Tom Smith, the Sunderland boy, is hanging fire.

Smith wants a guarantee from promoter Johnny Best before taking a crack at the title-holder on Anfield football ground. Johnny Best seems to be standing by his offer of 20 per cent. of the takings.

Whatever the outcome of this argument, I feel that Smith will yet be in there with Tarleton. This is a northern "natural"; when it is staged I am ready to see Nel for all his grand ringcraft, lose to the Sunderland challenger.

Ronnie James is waiting among the light-weights for a chance to meet Eric Boon, the big-hearted, strong-punching champion. Wanting to speed up things generally, the Boxing Board say they will recognise any scrap between these boys as being for the title, always assuming it conforms to championship conditions.

Most of us want to be on hand when Boon climbs into the ring for this title defence. Why? Because he will be meeting an opponent packing a punch that matches his own. It should be a repeat of the Boon-Danahar classic—with a different ending, maybe.

Roderick v. McAvoy?

Just up the scale there is Arthur Danahar clamouring for a chance to grab the welter-crown from Ernie Roderick. If this match materialises and the challenger can turn in the sort of showing he made, kicking Roderick on points at Earl's Court, then the south should have a new champion.

Yet there could be business for Roderick elsewhere. Isn't Jock McAvoy waiting for a middle-weight opponent with Bert Gilroy temporarily out of action? I think so.

Why not, then, a contest between Jock o' Rochdale and the Liverpool lad? It needs only the Boxing Board's blessing to fill Belle Vue, Anfield, or whatever northern arena you like to name.

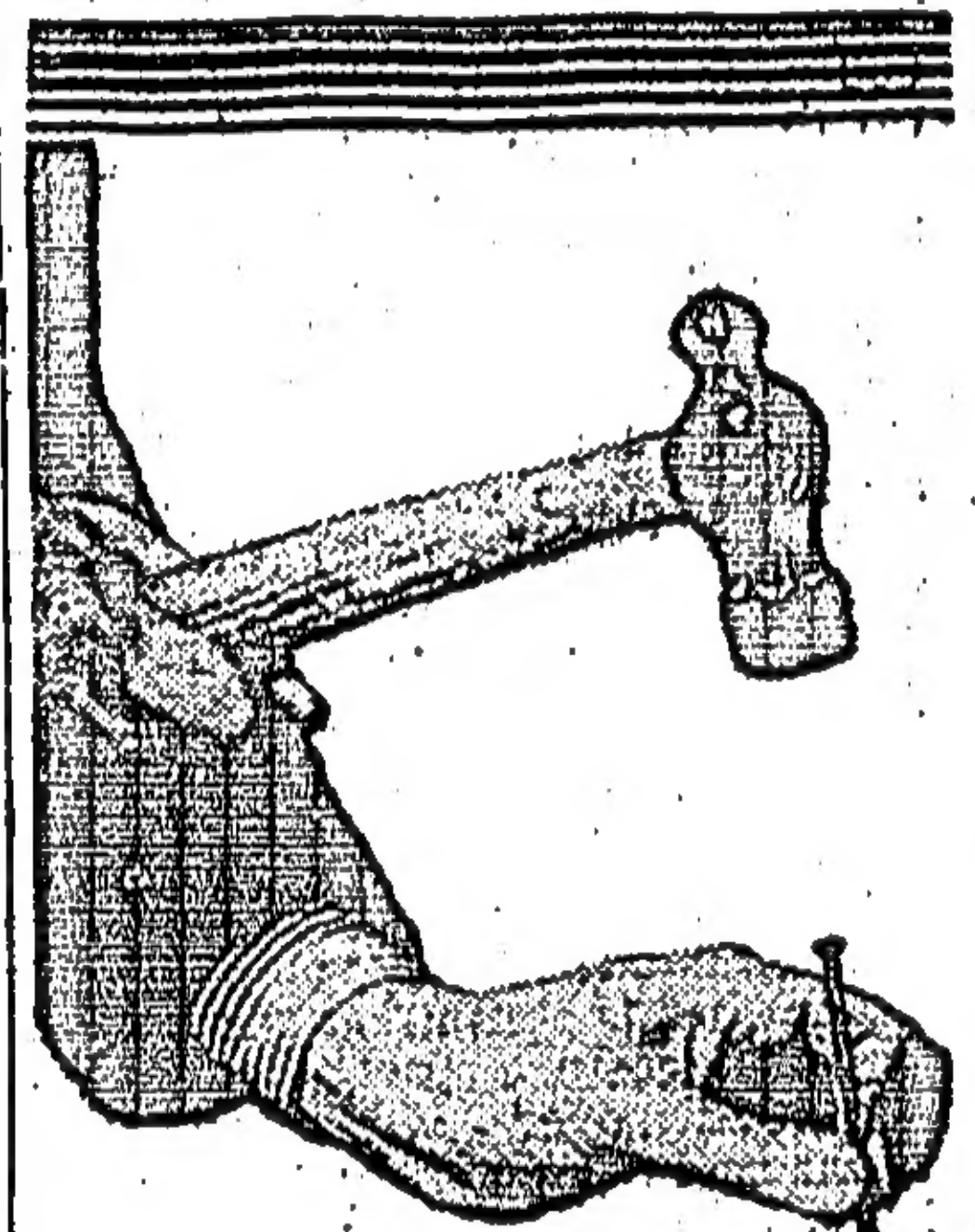
ARMY SOCCER

Following are the latest results in the Army Small Units' Knock-out Soccer competition:—

28 Coy., R. E. beat 35 Medium Bty., R.A. 2-1. (Lee Wal-lan and Chan Kam-hol, for R.E., and Carley for R.A., scored).

R.A.F. beat 7th. A.A. Bty., R.A. 3-2. (Bartlett (2) and Munfield scored for R.A.F., and Willis and Thorne for 7th A.A.).

H.Q., Royal Scots beat "B" Coy., Middlesex 2-1.



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MOONLIGHT RAID BY R.A.F. ON HEART OF BERLIN

Great Fire Set Going In Big Gas Works

Tons Of High Explosive Dropped

FOR NEARLY ONE and a quarter hours on Monday night aircraft of the R.A.F. Bomber Command flew over Berlin seeking out and attacking a number of military objectives, both in the suburbs and the heart of the German capital.

The raid is described in a bulletin of the Air Ministry News Service, which states that a slight haze lay over the city when, shortly after two o'clock in the morning, the first of the raiders penetrated the outer ring of Berlin's powerful defences and circled high over the capital.

A hunter's moon, which had helped the raiding force on their 600-mile flight from England, lit up the sprawling city.

A large gas works in the Danzigerstrasse, two and three quarter miles from the city centre was quickly located and a well-aimed stick of heavy calibre bombs started several fires which soon gained in intensity.

A few minutes later the Templehof railway yards close to Berlin's main airport had been

identified and bombed by a second raider.

The crew of this aircraft reported that after their own attack they saw a great fire raging four or five miles to the north in the approximate position of the Danzigerstrasse gas works.

Other sections of the raiding force concentrated their attack on military objectives in the centre of the city.

Several tons of heavy calibre high explosive bombs and quantities of small fire bombs were unloaded on these targets and at one stage of the raid, other explosions and fires could be seen simultaneously in several parts of the target area.

A direct hit with a heavy bomb was also scored on railway sidings near Lehrter station, about a mile from Brandenburg gate.—British Wireless.

TYPHOON FILLS UP

The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anticyclone covers China and is spreading southward. A low pressure area is moving eastward over N. Japan. The typhoon is filling up over Tongking.

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NAVAL ACTION OFF SICILY

(Continued from Page 1)

"Our experience at the sinking of the Italian cruiser 'Bartolomeo Colleoni' on July 19 when our rescuing destroyers were bombed by Italian aircraft made it impossible for our ships to take any further measures for the safety of the survivors.

"It was known, moreover, that an Italian air concentration and one Italian submarine were in the vicinity.

Little Damage

"During these spirited and successful actions, Ajax had only a few casualties and the only damage suffered was superficial, above the waterline and in no way impaired her fighting efficiency.

"These are the actions in which the Italian High Command communique, while admitting the loss of two small and one large destroyer, claimed that a British cruiser probably of the Neptune class had been sunk.

"Afterwards, the British warships were attacked by enemy aircraft for four hours. Despite the Italian High Command communique claim that one British aircraft-carrier and one heavy cruiser were hit, none of the British ships suffered either damage or casualty, while four enemy aircraft were certainly shot down by fighters of the Fleet Air Arm and A. A. fire, besides two others probably destroyed. All the British aircraft returned safely.

"During Sunday night, aircraft of the fleet attacked the port of Lago in the Dodecanese, achieving complete surprise. Barracks, workshops, hangars and petrol dumps were hit and set ablaze. All British aircraft returned safely.

Submarine Successes

"British submarines likewise achieved successes in the Mediterranean. One submarine successfully bombarded military objectives in Port Savona, sank a 5,000-ton armed merchant ship, escorted by E-boats, off Genoa and also sank an armed merchant ship of 3,000 tons in the Vado Roads.

"Another submarine sank an enemy supply ship of about 3,000 tons off Naples and a third submarine sank an enemy supply ship of about 800 tons off Benghazi.

"During the night of Saturday-Sunday, aircraft cooperated with warships in successfully bombarding enemy troop concentrations at Sidi Barrani," the communique concludes.—Reuter.

New Complement

It was announced a few months ago that H.M.S. Ajax had returned to service with a new complement of officers and men and that in addition to remedying the scars she received in the battle in the south Atlantic, naval constructors had mended such defects of construction as were revealed in ac-

tion to the advantage of her fighting efficiency.

Few of her former officers were with her on her return to service but about half of the men of the lower deck who participated in the battle remained to amass more laurels in the Mediterranean. — Reuter.

Extensive Sweep

The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, reports that the Ajax action took place when H.M. ships under his command were carrying out an extensive sweep in the eastern and Central Mediterranean. No contact was made between our main forces and the main forces of enemy and there has been no indication that the enemy main force proceeded to sea. — British Wireless.

KEEPING THE BALL ROLLING

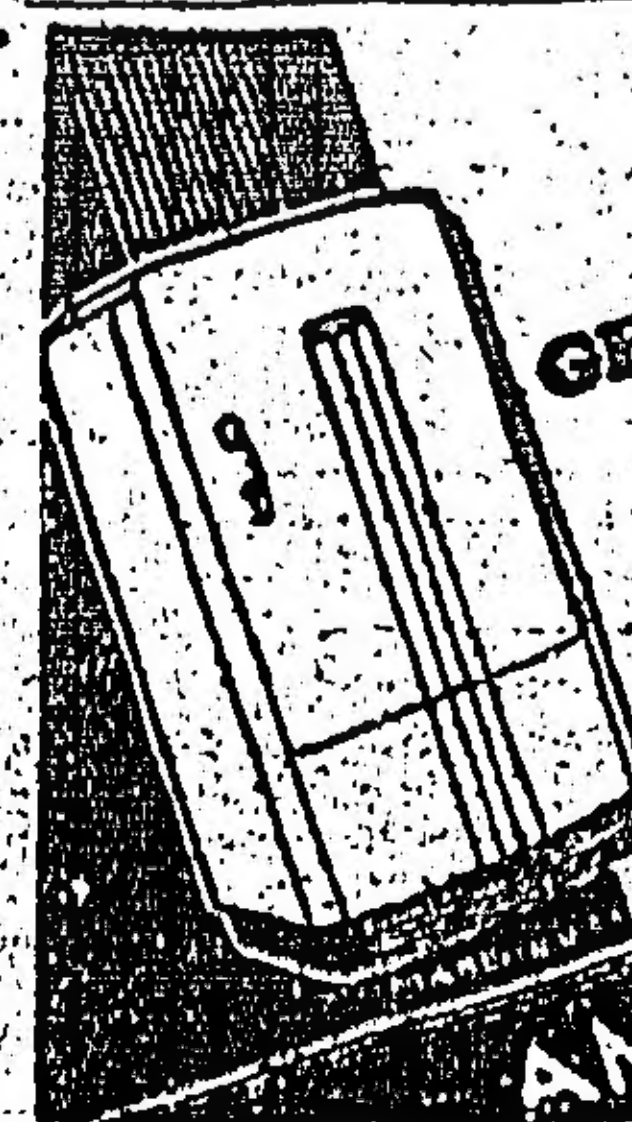
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Japanese savings banks are using most of their deposits for investment in Government bonds, a survey made by the Japanese Savings Banks Association reveals.

During the April/June quarter, savings banks saw their deposits increase by Yen 325,141,000, of which Yen 209,487,000 was spent on the purchase of Government bonds.

During the period July/September, deposits rose by Yen 313,781,000, of which Yen 211,168,000 was allowed for the purchase of Government bonds. — Havas.

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